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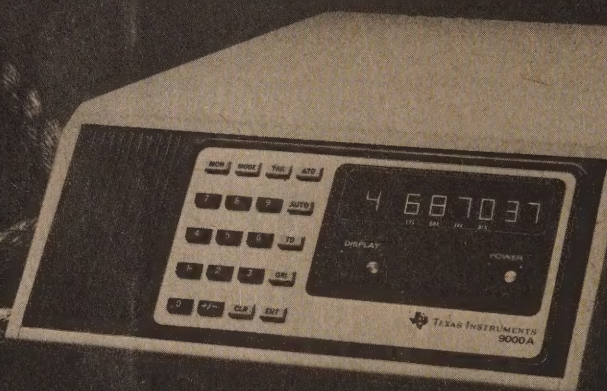
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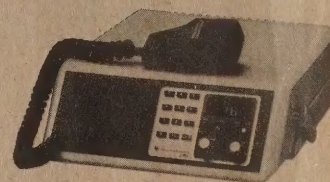


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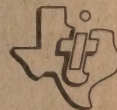


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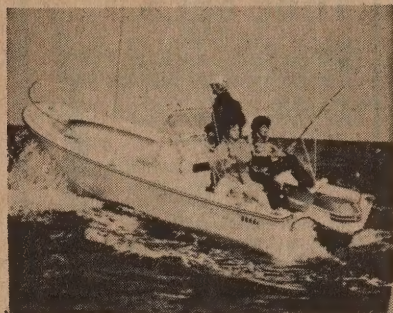
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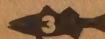
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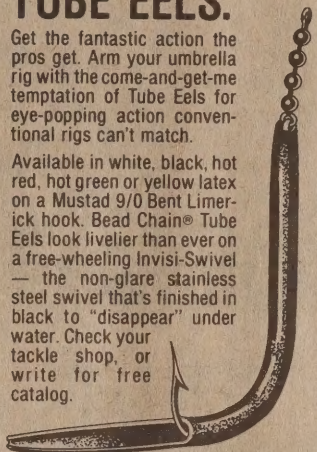
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LAW OF THE SEAS AND THE FUTURE OF RECREATIONAL FISHING

The Law of the Seas Conference was initiated in 1972, and during the early years much criticism was leveled against the participants for the often laboriously slow and bureaucratically unsatisfying deliberations.

This spring the conference on the Law of the Seas should conclude and one outcome seems logical and should be somewhat more satisfying to U.S. fishermen. That is, the agreement that belts of the coastal seas, extending out to 200-miles, are zones nations can expect to control economically. Such economic jurisdiction would include both living and non-living resources. The zones have been dubbed Extended Economic Zones, or EEZ for short.

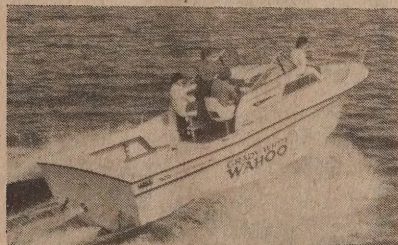
Why is this so significant? Well, for one thing it will end international debates that have led to fishing rights confrontations off Peru and Iceland, for example. For another, it will allow nations the opportunity to manage the EEZ resources and avoid resource exploitation. In some cases, especially the EEZ of developing nations; exploitation may become the rule rather than the exception. In third world nations, the motivation for use of the EEZ resources will be hunger and poverty instead of ecological concern. However, the EEZ of the United States is one of the richest in fish and shellfish (perhaps the richest), and perhaps our management goals in our own EEZ will set a tone and a good example. We still have much of our own act to clean up, of course, but there is more genuine promise for successful fisheries management in the U.S. than perhaps anywhere else.

There are two crucial facts that need consideration. First, the world's EEZs contain over ninety-five of the living resources of the oceans, and second EEZ jurisdiction will not increase the potential productivity and hence, the yield of these zones. We still can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, get blood from a stone, or change lead into gold. Yet the concept of EEZ gives the community of nations individualized and clear managerial control over an additional twenty-five percent of the earth's surface area. Therein lies the potential for long range successful management.

We, in the United States, should take great pride in these events since in all probability had not the Fisheries Management Act of 1976 been enacted in the U.S. there would have been far less pressure on the global community to agree to the EEZ concept. Furthermore, it was primarily recreational saltwater fishermen who pushed for and won this crucial legislation. The full import of this legislation will probably not be realized until the last years of this century and the opening decade of the next. Commercial fishermen were "Johnny-come-latelys" to the effort, although their support was also instrumental in the law's passage.

Now that the concept of EEZ will have world-wide acceptance, it is important that the concept of management also gain world-wide acceptance lest we squander a most golden opportunity. Again, the United States can lead the way, through example, and indeed our early management plans are doing just that as far as they go. We have generally approached the problem with reason. We have not excluded other nations, but we have limited their harvests. Our plans have been flexible and have been amended as more information was gathered and when this data indicated a change was called for. Undoubtedly (no, definitely), there will be more changes as officials come to realize the full importance of recreational fishing within the framework of fisheries management.

We agree with the noted marine scientist John Bardach that proper management can best be achieved by gathering the expertise and advice of experts from many areas. Bardach suggests economists, public administrators, fishermen and marine scientists. He also suggests that "most problems relating to living and non-living ocean resources, and also to marine pollution, are approached and resolved best regionally, thus reflecting various different ecological and oceanographic realities." Yes, but we also need to recognize that there must be common standards world-wide. For example, marine pollution in the waters off one nation might drastically alter the yield of living resources in the EEZ of another nation. For fish species that migrate across thousands of miles of ocean, uncontrolled harvests in the EEZ of one nation could decimate the species stock and thus eliminate that resource from the EEZ of several other nations at different times in the season. We agree that the mechanism for management can be regionally developed and applied, but the standards must be agreed upon by



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all nations and thus, set the upper and lower limits for regional flexibility.

We said the U.S. management plans are fine as far as they go. What is implied by this statement is that the plans do not go far enough and that additional considerations must be appreciated and understood. Such an analysis of the meaning of our statement would be precisely correct.

Many experts agree that over-exploitation of living resources close to shore is the present reality. In the U.S., controlling foreign harvests has opened the door for domestic exploitation. Thus, we must manage all harvesters: foreign and domestic alike. We do not believe that the philosophy applied to the development and implementation of our own EEZ management plans has properly addressed this issue. In fact, Federal and local levels of governments are openly advocating and assisting in the expansion and exploitation of our own EEZ living resources. This philosophy has been especially evident in the sea close to shore. Yet, this has happened in spite of the fact that many fisheries experts say flatly that fish harvests close to shore must be controlled. In fact, some say that inshore harvests must one day be stopped in favor of offshore harvests. There are biological and economic advantages to such an approach. Small scale harvesters must then be eliminated and re-trained for new careers both outside and inside the commercial fishing industry. Proper management can only be achieved when spawning areas, wintering grounds, and swim-ways are protected against harvest. Fuel costs will soon prohibit the small operator from fishing far offshore for prolonged periods. Thus, these perhaps romantic, but archaic vessels will become vestigial links to the past and crude reminders of our own tendency towards self-exploitation.

In addition, private and governmental encouragement of the expansion of our domestic commercial fishing fleet is foolhardy since it denies the importance of the inshore ocean as a zone of primary productivity for the entire EEZ. Such encouragement also denies the very real need for a small fleet of large vessels that can be well observed and controlled. U.S. commercial fishermen could thus make large harvests according to sound management criteria and timing in an efficient manner and without interfering with inshore productivity and disturbing the recreational economy. Large numbers of small vessels are difficult, if not impossible, to survey, observe, and control. One can only imagine the extent of plan quotas that now go unnoticed.

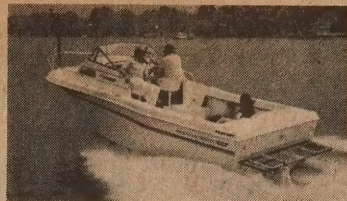
Finally, the Fishery Management Councils and the National Marine Fisheries Service must recognize the economics and industrial importance of recreational fishing is a unique commercial enterprise since its continued existence is not predicated upon harvest. That is, the sport angler needs only to catch a fish (he or she need not keep it) in order to consider the investment of time and tackle worthwhile. In reality, large numbers of fish taken by recreational fishermen are killed for their personal consumption, but there remains the fundamental difference. In the design of a management plan for a species that might be in great biological difficulty, it could be necessary to stop commercial harvest of that species for some time. In short, the commercial segment of that fishery would cease to function for a time. However, a species in crisis need not be excluded from the recreational fishery for two reasons. One, it is accepted that hook and line fishing cannot reduce stock levels to a point where recovery is difficult or impossible. Two, recreational bag limits could be set as low as zero (under crisis management), while the catch effort could continue. Thus, recreational fishing has two outcome alternatives. One is harvest, but the other and by far the most important is recreational catch. We have already witnessed an example of how this might work. Locally, many striped bass fishermen have been voluntarily releasing their catch in recognition of current low stock assessments for the species. One Long Island club, the High Hill Striper Club, successfully released almost a ton and a half of large striped bass, blues, and weakfish. These were surf caught fish taken in 1980.

Thus, we are drawn to the inescapable conclusion that recreational fishermen are sportsmen and although we do harvest, harvesting is not essential to the activity. Thus, we are catchers not harvesters; whereas commercial fishermen are harvesters and not fundamentally catchers. That is, they could grow the fish and shellfish on farms, not catch them, but harvest them for profit. The goal of the recreational angler is "fun" and not profit. Yes, recreational angling is an industry from which many people may profit, but the motivation for the individual recreational angler is RECREATION. The recreational industry can, therefore, survive without harvest in crisis management.

Thus, the future management of the EEZ comes into focus. The large and economically powerful recreational fishing industry will dominate the inshore ocean, and in a virtually catch-unregulated atmosphere, while the commercial industry will harvest from the far ocean portion of the EEZ under careful management regulation.

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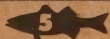
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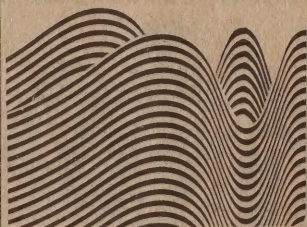
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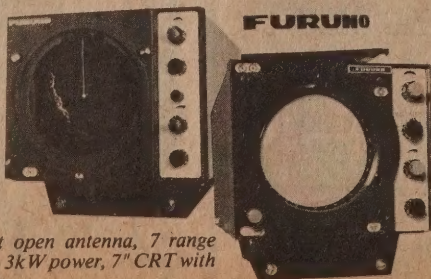
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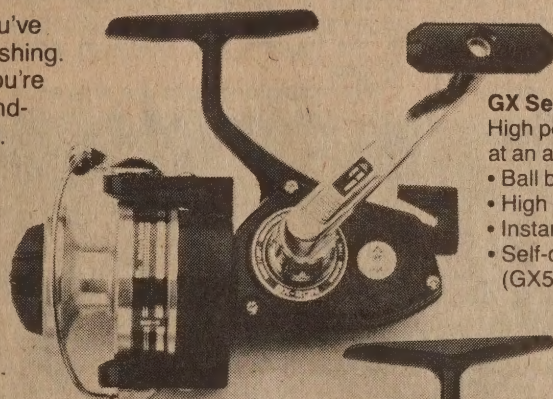
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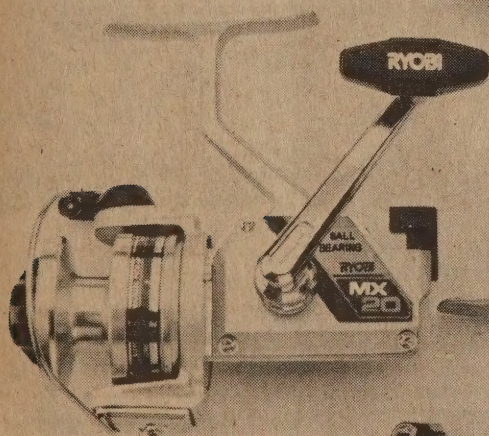
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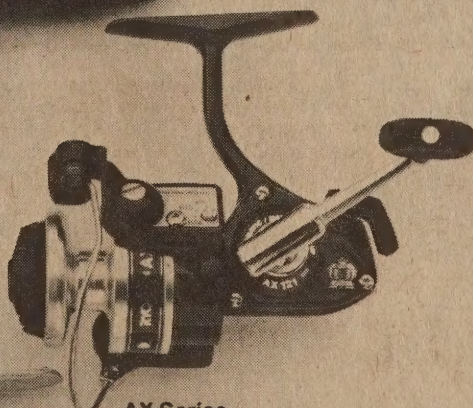
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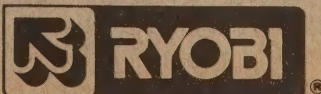
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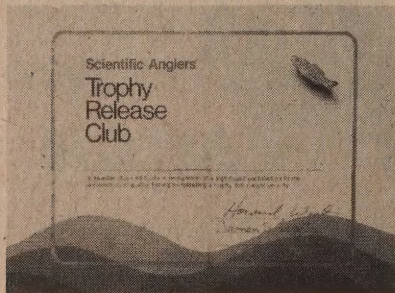
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Conversely, we'll sometimes test a rod or reel that's close to perfection as a pre-production model. When we do, the testers can be lavish in their praise. The Sealine® 27H and 47H level-wind trolling reels were received that way. These were designed primarily for freshwater striper, salmon and light saltwater trolling.

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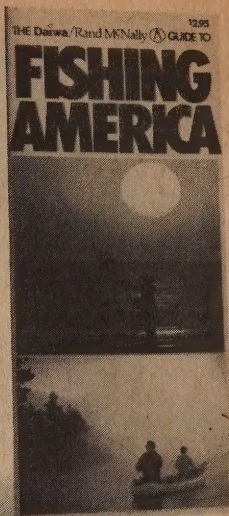
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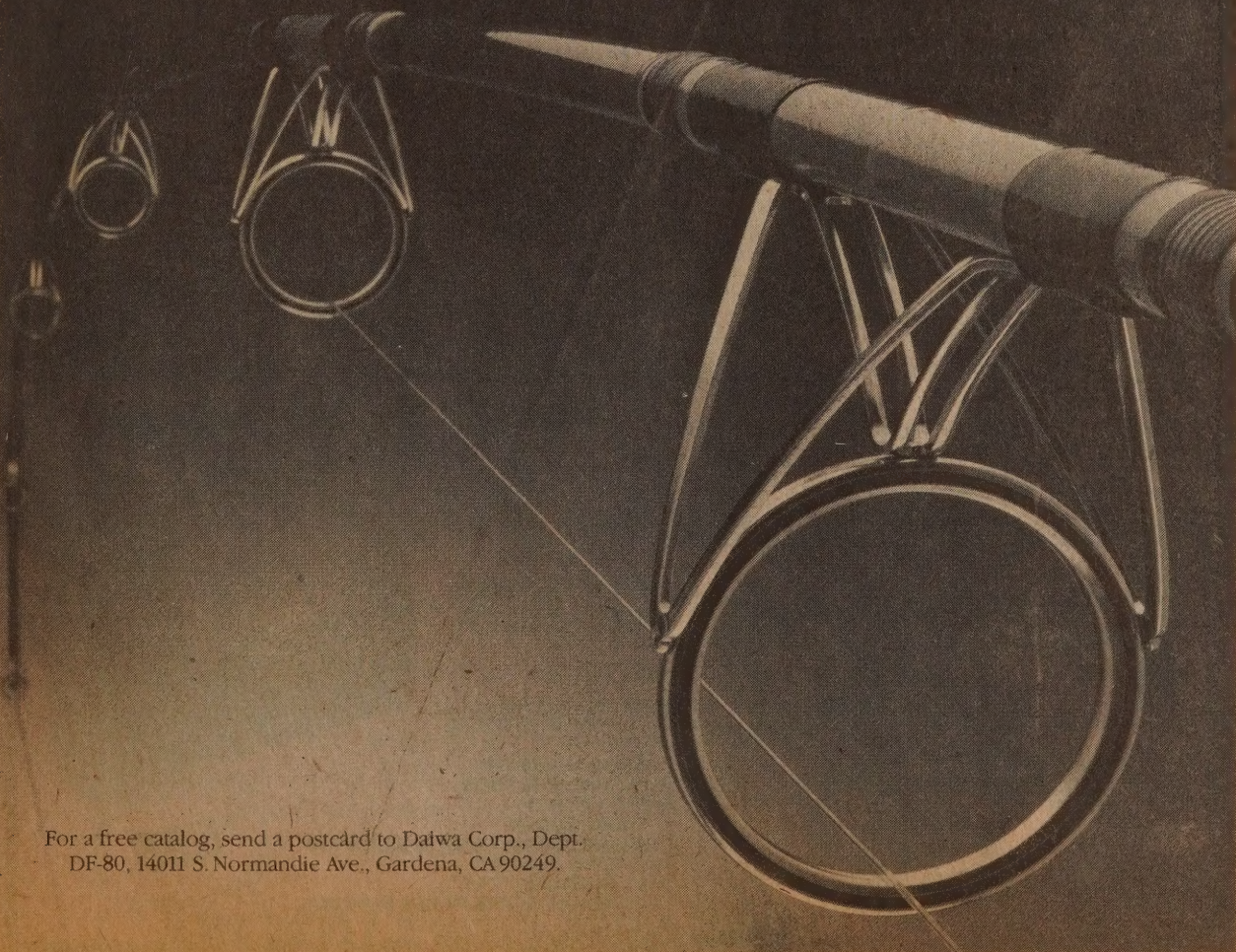
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Shakespeare has summed up the philosophy of the Sigma System in a promotional line "America Goes Fishin' with Shakespeare." Holly explained that the Sigma System represents the first major advance in fishing tackle technology in the United States. He said he believes this is the first time an American tackle company has undertaken such an ambitious program of coordinating an entire line of fishing gear into a true system.

Headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, Shakespeare was founded in 1896 when William Shakespeare, Jr. developed the first level-wind bait casting reel. The company was purchased early last year by Anthony Industries, Inc. and the Sigma System is the new Shakespeare Company's premier contribution to America's favorite pastime.

NILS MASTER FROM FINLAND

The most popular balsa wood lures in Finland and Europe are now available to the American fisherman. Nils Master lures of Kalkinen, Finland are now being imported and distributed throughout the United States by Baystate Marketing Associates, Drawer 669, Centerville, Mass. 02632.

The Nils Master Company is one of the originators of balsa lures in Finland. The past eighteen years of experience in balsa and other wood lures have given the Nils Master Company a great amount of knowledge in how natural wood lures work harder to catch you more fish. The Nils Master Company is deeply committed to quality in all its lures, and knows that this will be additionally reflected in its fish-catching ability.

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lunkers and also with the durability necessary to land the saltwater trophies. The Nils Master lures are all through wire constructed to add that inner strength and security.



BOATLIFE INTRODUCES TWO NEW PRODUCTS

BoatLIFE, Inc. of Old Bethpage, New York, has just introduced two new products which are of particular interest to discriminating owners of fiberglass boats. The new and reformulated liquid polish, "Shine" is a superior polymer finish designed to restore the original shine to fiberglass. Fiberglass Powder Cleaner is a heavy duty cleaner for all fiberglass surfaces. Its exclusive no-scratch formula will not harm the gel coat, and is entirely safe for the surface.

The new "Shine" is just spread over the fiberglass and let dry to a haze. After drying, just dust off the residue to reveal a spectacular finish. Fiberglass Powder Cleaner is a safe, deep cleaning powder that removes stains and deep seated dirt. Fiberglass Powder Cleaner is sprinkled over the surface and then scrubbed or

sponged to effect cleaning, and then rinsed off.

Both new products are available nationwide at marine dealers nationwide who carry BoatLIFE products. The suggested retail price for a 16 oz. bottle of "Shine" is \$5.25 and for a 26 oz. bottle of Fiberglass Powder Cleaner the suggested retail price is \$5.50.

For additional information, contact BoatLIFE, 205 Sweet Hollow Road, Old Bethpage, New York 11804.

TACKLE MASTER STORAGE SEAT

Most serious anglers judge a boat by its fishing room and storage space. A Long Island manufacturer has come up with a unique stand-up tackle box seat that increases both.

It is designed primarily for the center console fishing machines, the most popular way to go after fish in a boat today.

The "Tackle Master Storage Seat," simply called T.M. by those familiar with it, replaces the pedestal chairs that usually hinder free movement aft of the console and eat up a lot of valuable fishing space.

The T.M. fits into a space 16" deep by 40" wide, just aft of where you stand to handle the steering wheel. It's 30" high and padded with a leaning cushion, just where your backside needs it.

Few fishermen in a center console boat spend much time sitting down. When running the boat, they always stand and when fishing, they are moving about their crafts. Seats, especially the pedestal type, are often in the way. If you need a fighting chair, it is best located forward of the console. The manufacturer, an ardent fisherman himself, designed T.M. to have all his fishing gear close at hand. Whether flounder fishing in Great South Bay or fighting blue marlin in the Hudson Canyon, everything is at your finger tips. The

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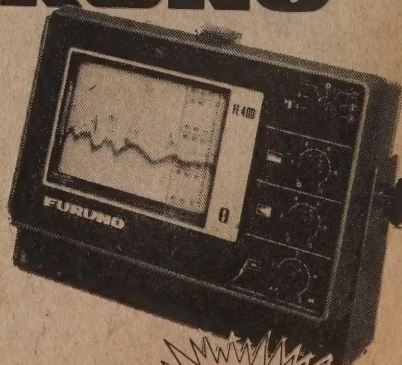
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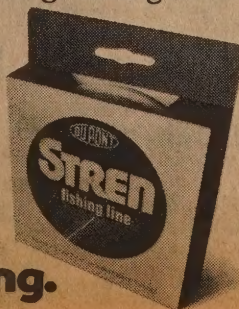
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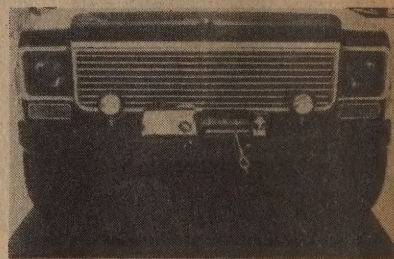
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T.M.'s top portion is a wide general storage compartment capped with five rod holders. The next three lower rows of drawers are 3, 5 and 7 inches high, in which you can store all the paraphernalia needed to catch everything from bluefish to bluefin tuna.

The basic unit provides eleven cubic feet of storage and is constructed of hand-laid fiberglass with teak trim and drawer fronts. Mahogany framework, stainless steel hardware and removable vinyl cushion complete the unit. T.M. has a bolt thru mounting base so it can be fitted on any boat. Options available include side-mounted jig lockers and front mounted plug lockers. These provide hanging storage for your most frequently used lures. Fiberglass security doors enclose the main storage areas and can be locked closed or removed and stored out of the way providing freedom of movement around boat. A heavy duty waterproof cover is also available. Tackle Master is manufactured by POPE PRODUCTS, 449 Green Belt Parkway, Holtsville, New York 11742 and sells for \$999.

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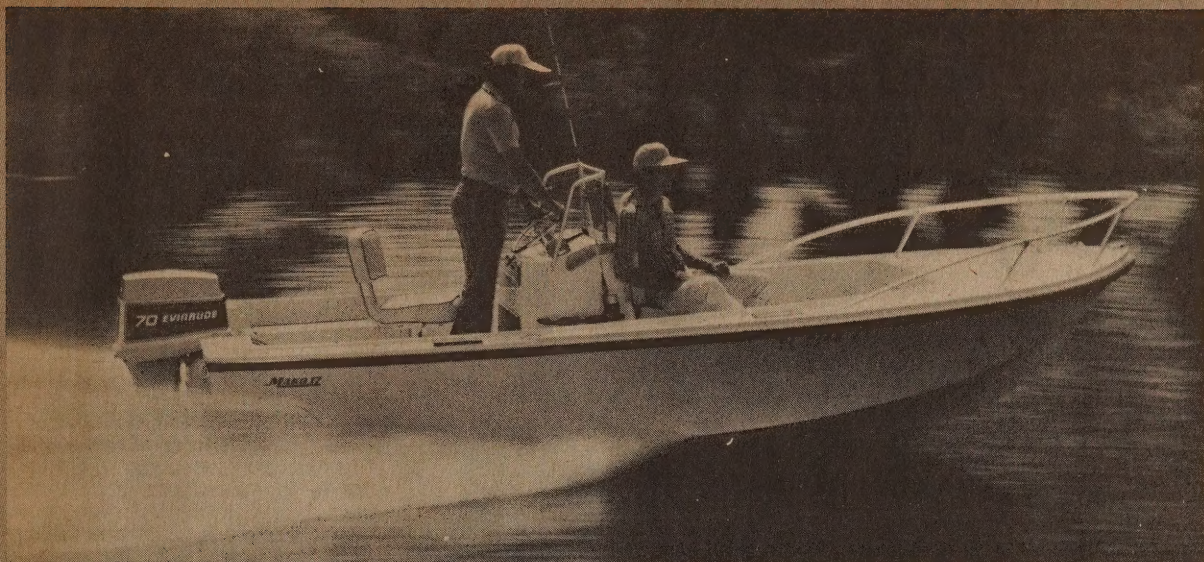
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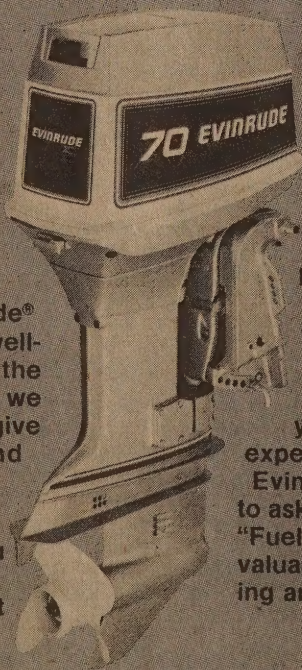
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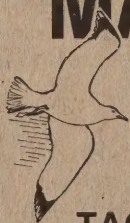
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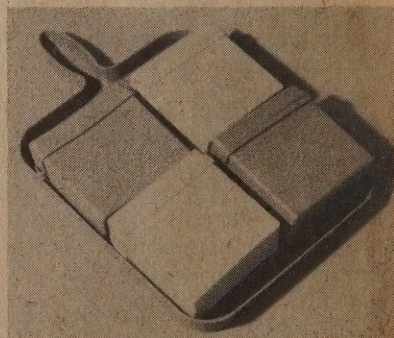
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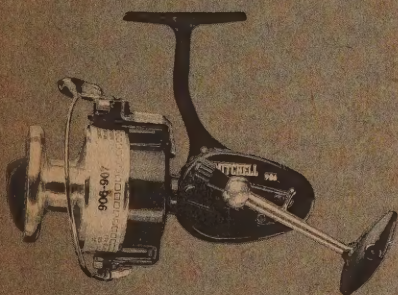
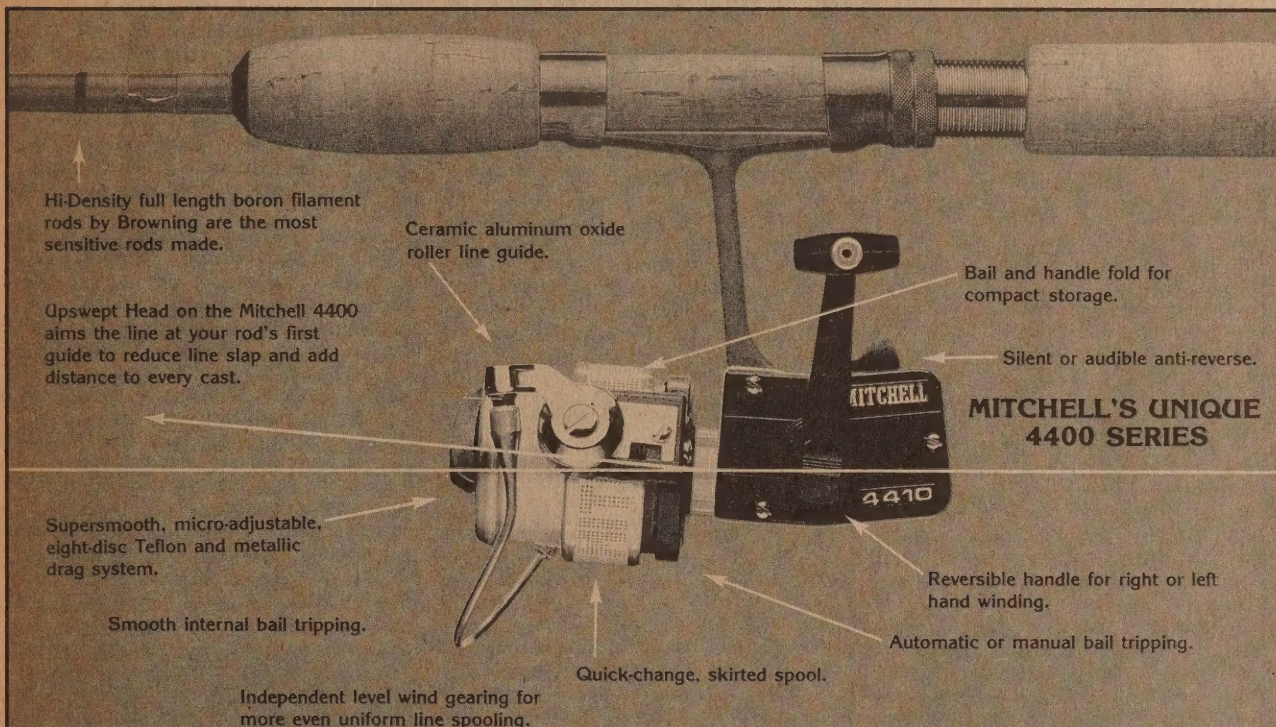
For those of us who have had the unpleasant experience of spilling squid juice all over the deck as we slice one of these smelly baits into strips, there's a new idea that will eliminate this mess.

Known as Lucky's "No Mess" Bait Tray, this 10" x 12" nylon plastic cutting board has a 3/4" lip on all sides. Just put your bait, whether it be squid, a mackerel, or ballyhoo in the tray and cut or rig without spilling the juice or scales all over the place.



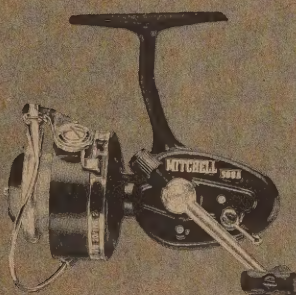
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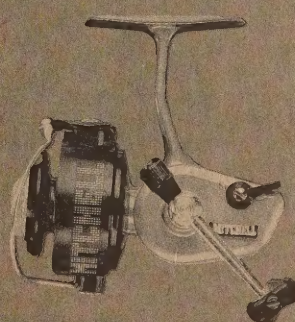
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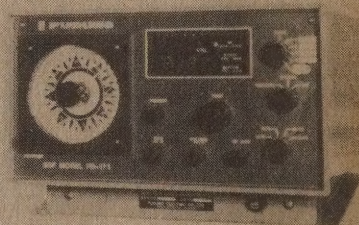
The inventory of the tray is Jim Carroll, president of EPC Marine and skipper of the Lucky Linda, a sleek ocean yacht. Carroll has won several offshore tournaments and spends many a summer weekend in the canyons. "We have found the bait tray a real convenience, especially while rigging a bait in choppy sea," Captain Jim says, "And, there's no mess to clean up in the cockpit. We just throw the tray in the fish box until it's needed again."

If you have a galley on your boat, one of these bait trays might also be a handy item when you slice vegetables and fruit. Especially in a rolling sea, it helps keep the tomato wedges off the deck!

Lucky's Bait Tray comes packaged with four handy plastic storage boxes, each 5"x4"x2" with hinged lid. As every fisherman knows, there's always something rattling around in the tackle box. These little containers are "just right" for keeping sinkers, feather lures, hooks, or whatever from getting tangled with other gear.

Although the new bait tray won't guarantee greater fishing success, it will surely save a lot of time cleaning up a messy cockpit.

Lucky's Bait Tray will be available in tackle shops this spring or you can write EPC Marine, 2180 Bennett Rd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19116.



FURUNO'S NEW ADF FOR SMALLER CRAFT

Furuno has packed a highly sensitive, position fixing/homing capability into a compact, easy to install and operate automatic direction finder, the new FD-171, designed with the smaller craft in mind. The FD-171 features digital frequently readouts for easy tuning and five crystal-controlled spot channels for often-used signals. An operator just selects the desired band, "tunes in the numbers," and gets compass needle bearing data without 180° ambiguity. In the event of a crowded frequency or weak signal, the aural null method allows an operator to switch to manual direction finding.

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NEW TUNA ORGANIZATION

by Al Ristori

A fresh attempt is being made to focus on the plight of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, as well as the other tuna resources along our coasts. The American Tuna Action Committee (ATAC) has been formed under the auspices of the National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NCMC) specifically to fight for inclusion of all tunas within the 200-Mile Limit law.

As readers of this column are probably aware, tunas were excluded from the 200-Mile Limit law as a result of a compromise with the West Coast tuna industry in 1976 that cleared the way for passage of the necessary legislation. We were under no illusions about the dangerous implications of that exclusion at the time, but were faced with the likelihood of a veto (and lack of a two-thirds majority to override) if the compromise wasn't accepted. As a result, the West Coast tuna industry has been able to poach within the 200-mile limits of other countries (which don't exclude any species from their law), with State Department approval and compensation from taxpayer funds when seized by foreign governments. Without our 200-mile limit, the Japanese longliners have been able to operate without restriction relative to tuna and have completely negated our government's efforts at conservation of the bluefin tuna.

While American fishermen (both commercial and recreational) have been severely restricted in their catch of bluefin tuna, the Japanese have been able to take all they want—along with albacore, bigeye tuna, and yellowfin tuna. Though they don't catch many on longlines, the Japanese can also take all they want of such species as little tunny (false albacore), skipjack tuna (oceanic bonito), blackfin tuna, and Atlantic bonito. Since the Conte Amendment put all oceanic species other than the tuna family under the 200-mile limit, we've been able to require that the Japanese cut loose all billfish, sharks, and other species hooked on their longlines. However the mortality rate of these fish (particularly the billfish) is very high.

As Bruce Freeman, Administrator of the N.J. Bureau of Marine Fisheries, points out "it now appears that we have simply reduced our catch in an effort to provide a larger catch for Japanese longline fishermen, especially those operating off our east

coast." According to ATAC (pronounced "attack"), the Japanese by-catch mortality for swordfish may be equal to the entire U.S. Atlantic catch—a terrible waste of a very valuable resource. Furthermore, there have been many gear conflicts between U.S. and Japanese longlines.

It was obvious from the beginning that the Japanese were not going to make very many concessions relative to their tuna fishing. Shortly after the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council was formed I was involved in a meeting with representatives of the Japanese longliners in Philadelphia. They assured us that they were interested only in the bigeye and yellowfin tuna and albacore off our coast—not the bluefins, billfish or sharks. As it turned out, Japanese longliners were at that very time expanding their harvest of pre-spawning giant tuna in the Gulf of Mexico!

A concerted effort to get the tunas put back into the 200-mile limit was made last spring and it very nearly succeeded. A tie vote in the House subcommittee slowed progress and House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee Chairman John Murphy (D-Statens Island) eventually pushed through a "compromise." The key point in that compromise was one hundred percent observer coverage on the Japanese longliners, rather than the twenty percent we had last year. The result: **less than** twenty percent coverage this year!

An important unofficial point was the agreement of the Japanese longliners to reduce their catch of giant tuna in the Gulf of Mexico from about 8,000 to 7,000. At this point I don't know if that agreement is being honored (due to the lack of observers it would be hard to verify in any case), but we do know that the Japanese have kept longliners in the Atlantic all winter to catch the very medium size tuna that are protected under U.S. law. There's little doubt the poundage of bluefin tuna taken from our waters this year will be at least as much as they're allowed to take from all the Atlantic under ICCAT regulations.

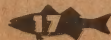
It seems incredible to most observers that a country as powerful as the United States is unable to deal with a problem such as this in her own waters. Indeed, we've been fortunate that other countries haven't taken advantage of our weakness and sent fleets over here to longline or purse

seine for tunas. Under the present law they are perfectly free to do so right up to the three mile territorial sea!

The reason we haven't been able to change the law is that the West Coast tuna industry wields a great deal of power in this country. This is a situation in which big business and big labor have gotten together to frustrate the best interests of the American people, and have had the cooperation of the State Department in doing so. The financial benefits of this arrangement have been substantial for the high seas tuna fleet, and U.S. friendship with many Latin nations has been endangered by our reckless policy. On the one hand the State Department has been handing out foreign aid to these countries, and on the other they've been insulting their sovereignty by encouraging American tuna boats to violate their laws. One doesn't have to be on a Latin American desk in the State Department for years to understand that no amount of money will buy a Latin's friendship if you insult his manhood.

Even under the new Administration, it's questionable as to whether anything will change in this area. Administrations come and go, but very little usually changes in the State Department bureaucracy. However, the growing power of some Latin nations due to their vast oil reserves (Mexico and Ecuador fit into this category) may force a policy change. Nevertheless, the West Coast tuna lobby won't go away—and that's just why ATAC was formed as an offshoot of the National Coalition. The initial inspiration was provided by a group of New Jersey recreational and commercial fishermen and processors. Since then the movement has swept this part of the country from Maine to Texas. With commercial fishermen and processors involved, there is finally some money in the war chest. Arnet Taylor, formerly involved in NMFS tuna regulation, has been hired as Executive Director of ATAC and will be leading the effort.

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BOATING TIPS

LAUNCHING RAMP FINESSE

by Bob Whittier

When word spreads that the fish are biting, the local launching ramp becomes the busiest place in town. Then, the slow and clumsy boaters who tie up the place while bumbling through the job of launching or hauling out are about as welcome as a flock of ravenous squirrels at one's brand-new bird feeder.

Doing a quick job there is a fine way to be a good sportsman. The less time each rig takes to launch or haul, the more boats the ramp can serve in a given period of time—and the happier everyone is.

It's mostly a matter of using your eyes and head. When approaching the vicinity of the ramp, take note of how crowded the approach lane and parking lot may be. This tips you off as to what to expect. As soon as you catch sight of the water and the ramp itself, take a sweeping look around and observe several things at once: the stage of the tide, direction and force of the wind, number of boats in the line awaiting a turn to launch, and the availability and location of parking space for both the boat and trailer.

A quick appraisal of the land traffic will tell you how the traffic is flowing into and out of the area. Then, of course, you enter the traffic pattern so as to go along with it. It's the klutz who bumbles into the area with his mind a million miles away who causes ramp tangles. At the same time, you will be thinking about the best way to maneuver your rig so as to get it turned around and in position to use the ramp as expeditiously as possible.

Ramps vary widely in design, depending mostly on the local topography situation. Very steep and very shallow slopes often call for caution and planning. It's a fine idea to assign one member of your group to the job of reconnoitering. He can get out of the car as you drive into the ramp area, and do his job while you're maneuvering into the waiting line.

His task is to look for potential problems. If the ramp is steep, is its surface good or slippery? If the tide is out, is the boat's transom likely to dig into sand as the boat slides off the trailer? What will wind and tide make the boat do once it is afloat—and how will you keep it from going the wrong way?

The duffer waits for something untoward to happen, then starts trying frantically to do something about it.

While waiting your turn at the



Teamwork makes launching and hauling-out a pleasure rather than a hassle. Each person in your crew should have specific responsibilities.

ramp, get the boat ready to launch. Develop your routine by practicing at home, and try to work out a way to do everything with a minimum of lost motion. Tiedowns off—and stowed in a pre-selected place. Transom drain plug in place. Trailer tilt latch in “unloading” position. Bow line coiled on deck. Motor tilted up. Nothing loose in the cockpit that could slide aft as the boat goes off the trailer and cause damage. Everything aboard that's going on the trip.

Sounds obvious enough, but it's surprising how often people forget simple things while busy with several details.

It's a pleasure to watch an experienced boating team make a launch. They arrive with the boat loaded and ready to go—no running around hollering “Joe, have you got this?” and “Mike, did you do that?” Everyone has his job to do, and does it. Working as a team, they arrive, size up the traffic situation, get into position, launch and move the boat away from the ramp while another member of the group does a quick job of parking the car and trailer.

And, the teamwork is obvious on

returning to the ramp. The lightest member of the group sits on foredeck, ready to jump off and keep the boat's forefoot from grinding up onto the rough concrete of the ramp. Those with nothing else to do move aft, to depress the stern, raise the bow, and let it glide onto the ramp easily. If the water is shallow, one person stands by ready to tilt the motor out of water the moment it is shut off. By pre-arrangement, one person goes to fetch the trailer while others remove tackle and fish boxes from the boat and place them where they can quickly be loaded into the car. Meanwhile, another member of the party holds the boat's stern lined up with the ramp.

Ah, teamwork! Why not review your own launching procedures? With some planning, you could improve your act considerably—to everyone's benefit.

Readers: What subjects would you like to see Bob cover in his Boating Tips column? Put your thoughts on a postal card and mail it c/o Fisherman, Box 21, Mystic, Ct. 06355. We'll forward all cards to Bob for his consideration. Editor.

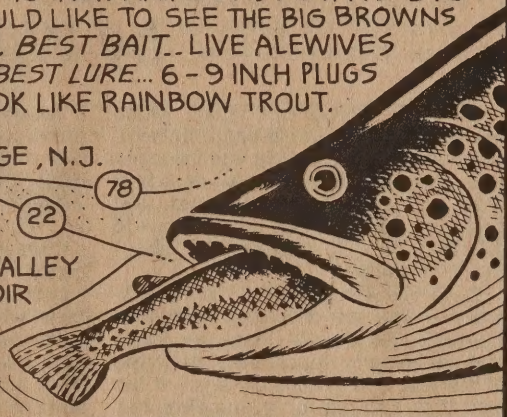
FISH & MARINE NEWS BY FRED GUARDINEER

A CURRENT RUMOR THAT THE U.S. COAST GUARD IS CHARGING A FEE FOR TOWING DISABLED BOATS IS THOUGHT TO BE A "PRESS LEAK" TO GAUGE PUBLIC REACTION. IT WOULD TAKE AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE A TOWING FEE TO BE CHARGED BY THE U.S.C.G.

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Shakespeare Reel Winner

by William A. Muller

LOTS OF GOOD LETTERS. Much like last year, you have begun to send in some very interesting and informative letters. Although many deal first with your fishing experiences and problems, others offer useful how-to information and suggestions about the environment.

BOB ROSENBERGER. Congratulations—you are the May winner of the reel. We thought that your letter was particularly important at this time of the year and in consideration of the fact that fishing for game fish has been declining. To help out, fishermen have become more innovative and the use of droppers, teasers, and other embellishments have proven their worth in gold.

"NOW THAT WINTER IS upon us and I look at the results of 1980, I have noticed some startling facts. After three dismal surf years in a row (very occasional blues, weaks, and a few bass), my interest began to shift to boat fishing. However, my surf fishing showed noticeable improvement in 1979 with the addition of dropper feathers to my arsenal. I experimented a lot and I found that a twelve inch dropper tied about twenty inches from the lure seemed to work best. I also found that white was the best color. I made sure that when the 1980 surf season got under way that I was well supplied with feathers in white, yellow, and white/yellow combinations. My first trip in May took two bass. In June a surprise came and a body of big bass moved in with the smaller ones. It was my best night in years. However, not one bass hit the dropper. The fish wanted RedFins and Rebels. The next night the fish were there—and for two weeks after that! After our first success, four of us watched the bass every night. We tried everything in our bags, but the fish took nothing and we became very frustrated. Then

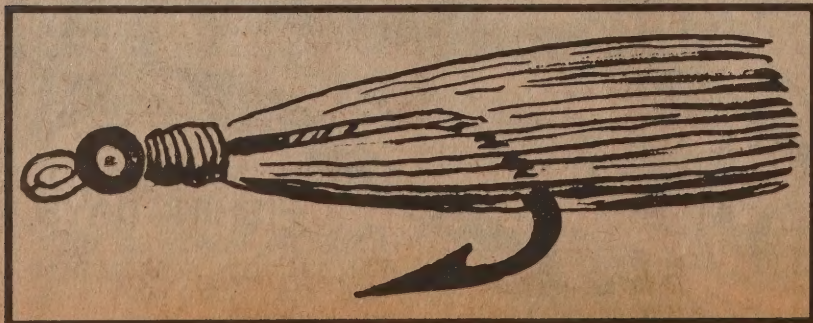
I recalled a cod trip I had made previously in April. We were jigging cod with diamond jigs. However, we used jigs without hooks; but the rigs we used had a single tube above the jig. The cod took to the jigs with enthusiasm. So the next night on the beach I used tubes, while my buddies continued with the plugs. I had six bass while my friends had none. I used tubes from standard umbrella rigs. I cast them out, let them settle a little and then brought the tube in with an irregular retrieve. The same good results also took place at Montauk. Some of the fishermen were taking a few weaks on bucktails; but when I put on the tube, I connected with twelve weaks. So what makes the tube such an effective lure? Is it the slow-sinking, curling action or does it just match the bait better? How come the plug doesn't fool the fish, but the tube does? I can't wait for the 1981 season to get going and I have been toying with the idea of a tangle-free umbrella type rig that could be cast from the beach. Who knows?"

WHO KNOWS INDEED! Many an outdoor writer, including this one, has written that there isn't anything really new in fishing. Basically that's right, but it may also be true of most everything. However, people are constantly finding new variations of old themes and they also find ways to put a few ideas together to come up with a novel approach. On the other hand, perhaps it is possible to come up with totally new approaches. Whatever philosophy is correct, the fact remains that anglers never concede defeat. Your experience demonstrates that very well. You watched those bass swimming around and eating and you said you refused to accept the idea that they can't be coaxed to strike if they are eating! So you set your mind to work, and you remembered. Some fishermen might

disregard the possible connection between a technique used to catch cod and one that might convince bass to come to battle. You tried it, and it worked. Furthermore, in spite of the fact that the lure worked for you, you didn't assume that it is the best lure of all time and you have already begun to think about improvements and other techniques. Thus, the chances are that no matter how the fish change their feeding habits, you'll be ready for them: you'll find a way.

QUESTION. The real question that you asked reflects the fact that you refuse to allow yourself to become complacent. So you are curious about why these difficult fishing conditions exist, and you want to know why a certain technique works: you want the cause, as well as the solution. Throughout angling history, there have been times when fish are feeding, but will not hit an artificial or a live bait. There is no single explanation. Many ideas have been put forth. Some pros suggest that when the water is too clear that the fish are hard to fool. Others have said that much depends upon how the bait is moving. If it moves to and fro quickly you are likely casting to water where you saw evidence of fish, yet by the time your offering gets there, the bait and the game fish may be several hundred yards down the beach or away from your boat. Still, in recent years I'm more inclined to believe that the sand eels are to blame. Many of our writers have discussed both the wonders of abundant sand eels and the problems that they create. I've experienced more problems, on the whole, than joys from these skinny critters. I long ago lost count of the number of trips when the fish were so hard to get to hit that most fellas left the beach empty-handed in spite of the fact that there were thousands and thousands of fish within casting range.

DROPPERS, TEASERS, TUBES, AND FEATHERS. Everything from Red Gills to streamer flies have come to be used by fishermen trying to improve the odds against the sand eel-as-bait situation. All of these work well at one time or another. Last year, the Red Gill was THE teaser from Breezy Point to Montauk, but whether or not it will be the best in 1981 remains to be seen. The bucktail dropper, the feather dropper, and other plastic wigglers have produced



great results for some anglers in some places and at some times. We have also heard about the use of tubes, but previously only as rear hook embellishments for tins. I have tried the small tubes as teasers, but I haven't had very good results, sad to say. Your experiences revitalize my interest in the tube teaser. I'll give it another try in 1981.

OTHER THOUGHTS. Why do you use a twelve-inch feather dropper? Most fishermen have found that a six inch (give or take an inch or so) teaser is the better size. Perhaps if you have specific reasons you can write in? Second, tube lures are already available on the market. We have found that the Tri-Fin Eelworm and the Tri-Fin Whiptail are very productive lures when sand eels are around in some abundance. In fact, that was the goal in designing these lures when Mickey Chiarenza first sat down with pen and paper. He had been fishing and he observed that the bass were feeding on sand eels. He went to his workbench and tried to design a lure that would imitate the sand eel in size, shape, action, and colors. Many a fisherman swears by these lures to the exclusion of others. Perhaps you should give these lures a try at night. Make the retrieve slower than what you might use in the day.

WHY NOT HIT THE PLUG? I have often gathered up some sand eels and compared them to the shape and size of the Rebels and RedFins I was using. Frequently, I found that I had one that was close to the sand eels. Still no takers! Then, in the moonlight I have watched the skinny beasts. True, in daylight they will squirt around quickly; commonly at night they will swim slowly and instead of the exaggerated S-shaped swimming motion that we associate with sand eels, we get a motion that is more typical of spearing. Still no takers. Then I tied a feather dropper ahead of the plug (I prefer white, too) and—bingo, I start to get hits. Now, it doesn't always work out so nice, but there have been many times when the addition of a teaser has produced fish when the plug would not. I wish I could explain it, but I regret to say that I have experienced too many variations on the problem to have any clear cut ideas on the whys and where-fors of the situation. I experiment like you and most of the experiments fail. Still, once in awhile I've hit on a good idea that worked for a time. More times than not, my feeble attempts at solutions involve putting far too many lures in my bag or tackle box in an attempt to be ready for anything. Usually, Murphy's Law wins out and I have neglected to bring the one lure that could have made the difference. I have also found that my shoulder hurts more these days—what with the weight of all those lures piled in, two to four per compartment. In the end, I pray that the small bunker and the spearing will return, or ... something.

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SURF FISHING

RED GILLS: A WINNER

by John Fritz

The recent eruption in the sand eel population has had many surf fishermen desperately seeking a lure which can imitate these small, slender baitfish. Boatmen, on the other hand, have had a relatively easy time of it after the secret of the umbrella rig was learned from the Montauk sharpies. Even after the success stories of these cumbersome rigs became common knowledge, anglers fishing from Long Island's shore line found it difficult to produce a lure of similar action which could be used from the surf. The introduction of the Tri-Fin lures, especially the Whip Tails and Eelworms, was a giant step forward towards giving surfmen a lure which would take game fish interested in feeding only on sand eels.

The teaser rig had its origins somewhere in the distant past, but fell into disuse during the period when an abundant supply of small bunker and spearing was present in our local waters. Although I and my partners had tried the plug-teaser combination on occasion through the years (with intermittent results), it took a few enterprising surfmen to reintroduce the dropper and prove to the waterfront the true value of such a rig.

My education began on a June visit to Tony in his Cape Cod establishment when he thrust a couple feathered streamers across the counter at us and described the correct method of rigging. The success of this rig during that trip has caused me to carry several teaser rigs in my plug bag on every trip to the beach. While the dropper will reduce the casting distance if light plugs are required, the benefits of this added attraction will more than make up for this minor handicap.

When Tony explained the finer points of choosing the feather teaser, he stressed the need for using only feathers approaching five inches in length. Possibly because of the widespread popularity of this lure, suitable feathers became difficult to obtain followed by a slight curtailment in its usage. Shortly after the use of the dropper reached its zenith, a rubber imitation of a sand eel was introduced from overseas. Broad acceptance of this new lure was sluggish, for most surfmen were content with the proven item. Thankfully, for those of us who are slow to change our techniques, a few percep-

tive anglers began experimenting with the recently imported Red Gills. Boatmen replaced the tubes on their umbrella rigs with these Red Gills and found instant success.

This soft-bodied sand eel imitation has a flared tail which impedes the flow of water causing the body of the lure to undulate. Just as the action of a swimming plug can be varied by changing the rate of retrieve, the Red Gill's action can be similarly altered. Rather than allowing the Red Gill to swim slowly along the water's surface, I have found that better results are realized when it is used in conjunction with a lure that will force it to swim below the surface. Therefore, a sinking Rebel, for instance, will permit a slow, more life-like action, better than increasing the retrieve of a floating model causing the plug to swim below the surface but generating an unnatural motion.

The teaser rig is difficult to cast when using a light plug or into a stiff wind. When greater casting distance is required, lures such as the bottle plug, darter, or tins can be used. These lures, when worked in their normal manner, will permit the Red Gill to swim underwater with a slow, undulating action.

The Red Gill can be obtained in three lengths: four, six, and eight inches. For use on a teaser rig from the beach, the four inch model is preferred by the majority of surfmen. Because this lure is manufactured in England where inches are not a unit of measurement, this could lead to some confusion when trying to obtain the desired Red Gill. Each sized Red Gill has been given a name by the manufacturer. The four inch version is called the Rascal, which in the metric system measures 115 millimeters. For those interested in the larger versions of the Red Gill line, the six inch model is called the Raven, while the eight inch is given the nondescript name of Regular. I must say this is an odd selection of names, but then again, who cares as long as they catch fish.

The color selections offered, but not always obtainable in the local tackle stores, are silver, blue, green and red. These are not solid colors, but a mixture with the basic color being predominant and they are available in all three sizes. The color blue seems to be favored by the many anglers who have had good results when

using this lure.

When purchasing these lures, they will be found to come individually packaged in a clear plastic box. Upon opening the lid to this new addition to the angler's bag of tricks it will be discovered that there is no front eye to which a line can be attached. Don't fret; it's there but buried. Take hold of the head of the lure with one hand and gently pull the hook towards the tail with the other. No, you didn't break it. The hook is supposed to pull free from the belly of the Red Gill. In order to rig the lure, simply push one end of the desired strength line through the hole found in the nose of the sand eel until the line protrudes from the opening in the underside of the belly. Attach the line to the eye of the hook by means of a clinch knot and slowly pull on the line projecting from the nose until the hook is resealed into the body cavity.

Some anglers prefer to discard the hooks with which the Red Gill is equipped, favoring instead a hook with a deeper bite. If such a change is desired choose a stainless steel hook of the same weight, making sure that the eye is in alignment with the bend of the hook. An eye which lies crossways to the bend of the hook will bulge the sides of the lure detracting from its natural shape and movement.

Although many anglers prefer to modify the teaser rig to their particular specifications, the following outline can be used as a basis for rigging the Red Gill when it is to be used in combination with another plug or tin. Attach a twenty inch length of leader material to one eye of a barrel swivel. To the opposite end of this line secure one of your favorite snaps, or if you prefer, tie the plug directly to the line. From the same swivel eye tie, with a clinch knot, a 10" length of identical leader material but before tightening the knot completely, slide the knot towards the opposite side of the eye so that it rests against the barrel of the swivel assembly. By sliding this knot forward away from the main leader knot the shorter teaser leader will stand out from the other line lessening the chance of fouling the two leaders. This is especially true when using stiff leader material but most regulars do not recommend using more than forty pound test monofilament line in this instance.

Many variations of this rig are in use along the beaches with some

modifications dictated by the characteristics of the shore line being fished. Since the hook of the Red Gill faces downward it is in a perfect position to snag an obstructed bottom, particularly at low water. At such times it might be advisable to shorten the teaser leader and switch to a plug which swims closer to the surface.

Another variation which I have seen, although I don't know if it produces many fish, is to tie an additional leader and teaser to the tail hook of the plug. In this manner, the angler would have one dropper ahead of the plug followed by an extra teaser trailing behind. It seems to me that there is a limit as to how cumbersome a rig should be.

On the other hand, while the addition of a dropper to the line will hinder casting, there is a method some sharpies use when confronted with stiff onshore winds. By attaching two or three Red Gills to a length of leader from which a three to five ounce sinker or drail has been secured, many a trip has been salvaged which was thought to be blown out.

Because the Red Gill lures are made of soft rubber, which is responsible for its enticing action, tears and rips are common. It is always a wise decision to have replacement lures on hand, but in this case a switch to a new lure is not necessary in many instances. Most minor tears can be repaired by heating a metal object—such as a nail or small screwdriver—and touching the damaged area to the hot metal. The soft rubber will fuse together making a bond which can be used immediately. Needless to say, a Red Gill teaser is not a wise choice of lures when hungry bluefish abound in the waters to be fished.

Many years ago, while fishing the Montauk surf, a representative of a French lure manufacturer was passing out a newly designed plug to the local surfmen. This creation, which measured a bit over six inches, was a heavy bodied rubber plug similar in many ways to the current Red Gill. The Vivif, as it was called, failed to catch on with the surfcasting clan, but the idea for the design did not die during the twenty or so years since the Vivif was handed out amongst the Montauk rocks. Since that time, the tackle market has been flooded with all shapes and sizes of rubber lures. It seems that after the success achieved by the Alou Eel, tackle manufacturers and home shops went into a frenzy producing vast quantities of rubber imitations of everything that swims and many objects which do not. Many die-hard plug casters spurned this new breed of lure but who can dispute the success of such proven lures as the Whiptail, the Tout or the Jellyworm. Thanks to the foresight of such surfmen as Bill and Tony, the Red Gill can now take its place among the ranks of the proven lures used in the surf today.

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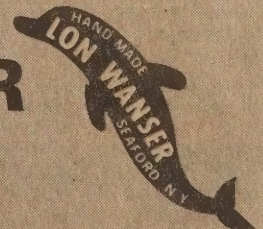
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OLD TIMER'S CORNER

MORE THIS AND THAT

by Matt Ahern

The Volstead Act. Sound familiar? Hollywood film makers made millions because of it; they still do. The Act became law in 1919 and was repealed in 1933—in force but a mere fourteen years. Its effect, however, upset our country as none other before or since. Old-timers knew it as Volstead's Folly; but today, it is simply known as Prohibition.

You have every right to ask what Prohibition has to do with old-time fishing. The answer, though, is simple enough. Not a thing directly, but plenty indirectly.

If, for instance, you were in the market for a fishing boat at the time, there were several ways to go about it. You could have one built; you could visit a broker; you could talk turkey to a private owner who wanted to sell—or you could journey to South Ferry at the lower tip of Manhattan. And many fishermen did do just that.

Why? What was the attraction?

Well, behind the old Aquarium at South Ferry, and slightly to the north, was a huge boat basin. This impoundage contained the locally captured rumrunners—each and every one up for sale by Uncle Sam. And those boats were cheap! So cheap that I thought they must be a drug on the market. And I guess maybe they were at that, for every few days additional boats would be added to the rapidly growing fleet. Some, I'd been told, were 200-footers, though I never saw one that large. But there were some dandy boats there. A fisherman's dream come true.

They were in perfect condition, those captured rum-runners, usually with powerful, souped-up engines, installed, I'm sure, with the fond hope that they could out-run Uncle Sam's speedy patrol vessels. Because of

this, there must have been some stirring times out there when night descended on the New York Bight. Some boats made it through the patrols, of course. Those which did not were impounded at South Ferry.

Naturally, as a kid who loved fishing with a passion, I was also intrigued by anything associated with the sea...which included captured rum-running boats. I just had to see those boats at close hand. But there was one slight hitch. Unless accompanied by an adult, kids weren't allowed on board. But this really presented no great problem. No boatman or fisherman ever refused my request to be taken aboard as a family member—nephew, son, or whatever.

We neighborhood kids discussed these boats with vim and verve. One of the things we'd look for, if we were ever lucky enough to get aboard, were bullet holes. I never found one, although my vivid imagination told me that each little nick I'd noticed were indeed "close calls." And maybe those rust spots weren't really rust spots at all, but dried blood. I now believe that in our kid-like fantasies, every night off the south shore of Long Island must have been the forerunner of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Of course, the "battle" consisted of merely who could out-run the other. And if the rum-runners felt that indeed they would be captured, evidence must be gotten rid of. As they fled through the dark night with Uncle Sam in hot pursuit, overboard would go cases of whiskey. Because of this, commercial draggers of the day were always active in the area. Many of these regions were known to be as barren of fish as the Sahara, but it

didn't seem to matter. Drag on they did. How successful these fellows were, we'll never know. But they kept coming back for years.

The closest involvement I ever had was one spring day while ling fishing south and east of the old Ambrose Lightship. This was back in 1931 and I was breaking in as mate aboard the old Rose R II out of Canarsie.

We were doing pretty well with the ling, as we always did when fishing this area. Because the day was so warm and beautiful, we spent most of our time drifting instead of at anchor. Occasionally, a whiting would come up, but most of the catch consisted of ling. During those days we used to catch white hake in that area, but never in great numbers. I remember I had two small ones that day, so when a shout for the gaff came from the bow, I felt certain it was for one of the good-sized hake which usually ran about eighteen to twenty pounds.

But this fisherman didn't have a hake.

There, snagged to the bottom hook of his old drop line, was a wood, water-swollen, weed and barnacle encrusted case of whiskey. I stared at it in amazement. But I wasn't going to gaff that case. No, sir; not me. One bad move on my part and it would be goodbye case of whiskey. And from the cries of delight I heard about me, if I was the cause of that whiskey returning to Davey Jones, I would surely follow suit.

Finally, the skipper came down from the pilot house, took the gaff, and, as if handling a newborn baby, placed the gaff point in one corner of the case, tested it gently for security, and then slowly, inch by inch and hand over hand, brought it over the rail.

There were a dozen unbroken pint bottles of whiskey in that case. And to this day I can still see what was embossed on each side of that case: "Golden Wedding Rye Whiskey. Bottled in Canada." This was the real McCoy. No poison bootleg hooch, this stuff. The skipper received a bottle for his deftness in gaff handling; but what happened to the rest, I don't know—except that a good time was had by all long before we got back to Canarsie.

Most of the stories I write in this column have to do with party boat fishing. But while this type of fishing has always been my first love, I also did my share of shore and rowboat

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fishing in those long-gone days. Both produced good results, but I think it was rowboat fishing that had the edge.

I had a neighborhood chum, Jimmy Anderson, who often accompanied me on fluke fishing jaunts in Jamaica Bay weakfishing. But this time weakfish weren't involved. It became a fluke fishing trip which was to scare the life out of us.

As usual we found fluke fishing best between Barren Island and Roxbury. (This was long before the Marine Parkway Bridge.) There was never any problem finding fluke. Our three-foot leaders and killie-baited 5/0 Sproat hooks seemed irresistible those days. Reach bottom, drift a few feet, and up would come a fluke. It was as easy as that.

I remember this June morning well. In fact, I'll never forget it.

We had been drifting for about a half-hour and I had just unhooked a fluke when Jimmy told me he was stuck on bottom. When this happened, we would toss over the anchor. This gave us a working advantage in freeing the rig. Most times, the rig would pull free because it had only become fouled in a patch of mussel bottom.

But this time it didn't pull free. After a few minutes I suggested that Jimmy break off the line and not waste time fooling around.

"It's coming off bottom now," Jimmy said. "Sure is heavy. Must be a log or something."

He passed his rod over to me and while he slowly handlined the rig to the surface, I sat back and began to reel up the slack. It was slow going, but gradually whatever it was came within reach. Then Jimmy stopped bringing in his line and stared into the water. "It's a body—look! It's a man!"

I looked. And there, six feet beneath the rowboat, was the face-down undulating form of a man. The legs were outstretched and all I could think of for some reason was an opened step-ladder. The hook had snagged a trouser leg.

Jimmy stared at me. I stared back. "What are we gonna do?" he asked. "What are we gonna do? We can't tow it and we don't want it in here with us."

I looked around for other fishermen. If anyone needed help, we did. As luck would have it, we were all alone. But our problem solved itself. The hook pulled free and the body sank out of sight.

We lost interest in fishing then and there. We quit and rowed back to the station. We never said a word to anyone about what had happened, which I'm sure was the wrong thing to do—but when you're 14-years-old...

So, there you have two offbeat stories from the old days. There are many more and eventually we'll get to them. In the meantime, if you have any comments, drop me a line at 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, New York 11946. We'll kick it around.

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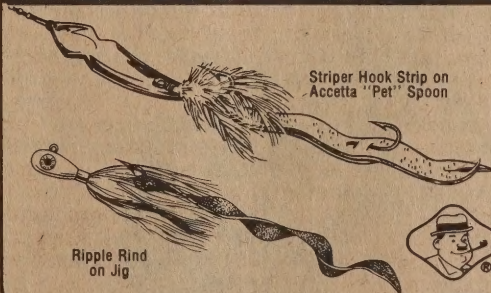
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End of the Road FLOUNDER

by Al Ristori

As one who started his fishing career on a bicycle with a bamboo pole in hand, I still have real appreciation for the winter flounder. With no one to instruct us in the art of fishing when we were kids, the late Dr. Bill McGuinness and I spent most of our time trying to catch a sunfish exceeding five inches from Camman's Pond in Merrick. Our occasional rides all the way to the waterfront produced tiny weakfish, sea bass, porgies and other such glorious specimens no bigger than the sunnies. Yet, every so often, we'd tangle with an eating-size flounder—an event that would provoke shouts of triumph. In our little world, the flounder was big game—and about the only thing we caught

which would actually be welcomed at home!

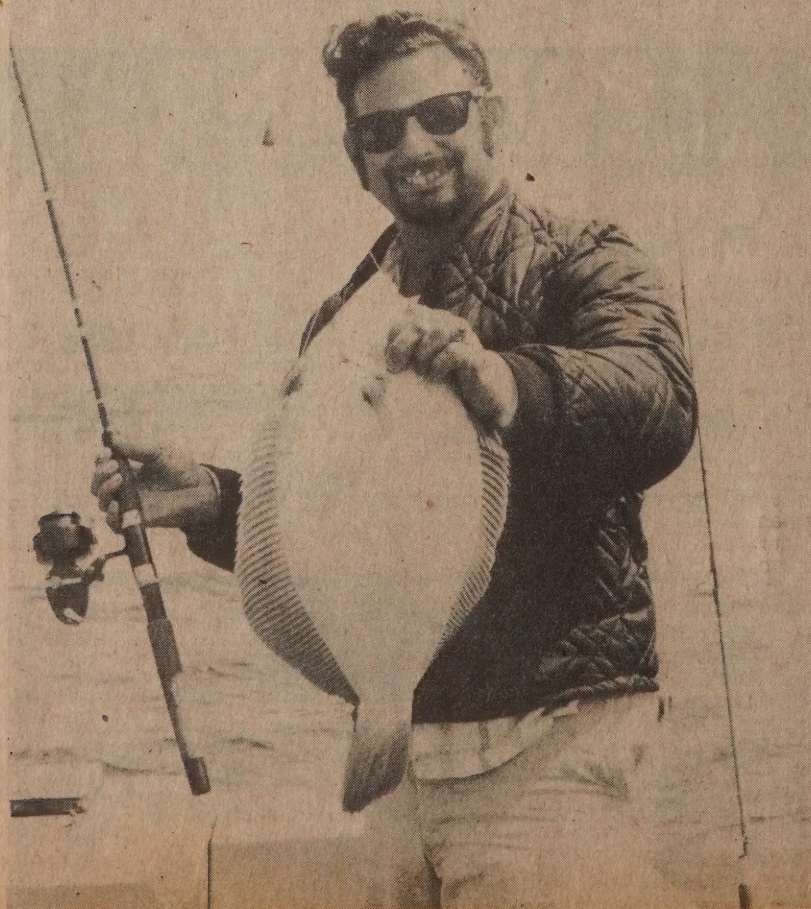
In those days, it was quite a thrill just to be towed out into Merrick Bay from Nick's Fishing Station—or even to be dropped off on one of the Meadowbrook Causeway Bridges before Memorial Day or after Labor Day. However, since the adults we fished with knew little more about fishing than we did, every flounder was a trophy fish to be treasured. To be sure, I have improved my flounder techniques over the years, and such somewhat more glamorous species as striped bass and giant tuna have captured more of my interest—but I still appreciate how hard I had to work for every flounder in my youth. As a

result, I look forward each year to starting off the season with flounders, and that's where my children are also getting their initiation in the sport.

Though I enjoy flounder fishing almost as much as I did when young, I do admit to having become an elitist in at least one respect. I almost ignore the abundant but small flounder found in many areas in order to seek the snowshoes of the East End. I was fortunate enough to start fishing Montauk back in the mid-Fifties, when the snowshoe flounder fishing was at its peak off Block Island. In those days the Montauk party boats would sail to the Hooter Buoy area and fish flounder at slack water. Once the tide started roaring the fishing would be over and they'd start drifting in deeper water for cod. Yet, even in the short time allotted for flounder fishing, it was often possible to deck a dozen or more in the two to four pound class—along with cod, pollack, conger eels, hackleheads, bergalls, blackfish, etc. Flounder up to at least eight pounds were caught in that area, though the best I ever boated was a five pounder.

Alas, the Block Island fishing is no more. At least it's not good enough to get anyone interested enough to give it a good try. Nevertheless, there is some fine fishing to be had very close to Montauk, and to the West around Gardiner's Island. Our definition of "snowshoe" has dropped a bit these days (as even a five pounder would be considered very unusual), but there are plenty of two to three pound flatties every season, plus a few to four or so. Regardless of size, they're worthy opponents (on reasonable tackle) that have grown fat and sassy from stealing the baits of unwary anglers used to easier flounder!

After I started fishing from rental and trailered boats in Gardiner's Bay, I soon found that there's a lot more involved in catching these large flounder than there is in loading up with their smaller brothers to the west. Snowshoes not only aren't nearly as plentiful, but they can also be quite fussy. You may get lucky from time to time, but basically you earn every fish by working hard for them. My formerly meager scores improved considerably after studying at the feet of such experts as Judd York and Frank Lovello.



The author with a beamy Gardiner's Island snowshoe.

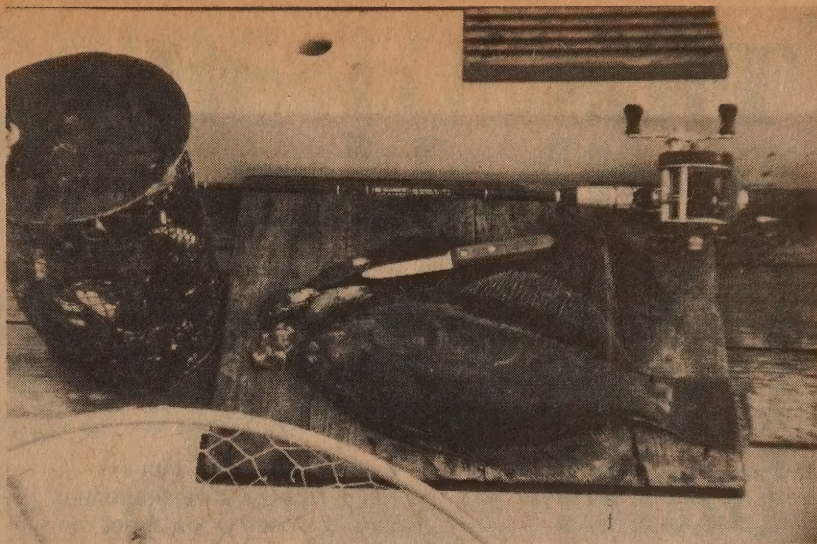
Chumming is the key to success with East End flounder. In many bays on both the North and South Shores, it's still quite possible to find a good spot, throw the anchor, and catch flounder off and on all day. That rarely works with the larger flounder to the east. The fish are more scattered, and it's up to you to pull them into the area of the boat with a steady stream of chum. A few crushed mussels scattered around the boat probably won't do much good, but a frozen chum brick can do wonders.

Everyone has their own theory about how to make the best chum bricks, but the basic ingredient always seems to be whole, ground-up clams. Various "goodies," such as rice and corn, may be added to the mixture which is frozen in a milk or juice carton. When ready to be used, the brick is removed from a cooler, the cardboard torn away, and the frozen chum placed in the chum pot. If you're in the right spot and the tide is running (but not too hard), the snowshoes should arrive shortly. If not, it's time to move on to a new spot.

There's a lot of instinct involved in finding flounder. No matter how good your graph recorder is, it's only going to tell you how deep it is. You'll have to take your chances on whether the flatties are there also. While we look for larger game fish on dropoffs and other well defined structure, flounder are liable to be almost anywhere. Big catches are sometimes made from waters at Gardiner's Island so shallow that the fish can be seen biting. At other times the best action will be in thirty to forty feet of water. If you're new to the area, you can't go wrong in joining the crowd—if they're catching fish! The one fairly constant factor to keep in mind is the affinity of big flounder for kelp. I've caught few real snowshoes in areas where I wasn't also hooking into kelp from time to time.

Due to the spotty nature of this fishing, you'll often see fleets gathered up though nothing is happening. That could mean that they were catching them on a different stage of the tide, or that's where they were yesterday. In either case, that may be a good time to scout around a bit. The most consistent producer in May last year was Tobaccot Bay, on the eastern side of Gardiner's Island. Lou Rosado made trip after trip there in his 24' Blackfin "Daiwa," and always seemed to score well with big flounder. I made one trip there with Lou in mid-May, and almost put the famous Ristori jinx on him.

It was so foggy that morning that Lou had to find the spot he'd been working with his Texas Instruments 9000A Loran C. We were fairly close to shore and only in about ten feet of water, but it would be awhile before we'd see any landmarks. It was never fast fishing during that flood tide, though we couldn't complain about the 50 big flounder and two large blackfish that came aboard. Proving



The basics for flounder fishing—a baitcasting outfit, clam knife, mussels, bait board, net, and chum pot filled with crushed mussels (if chum bricks aren't available).

that I really haven't learned that much about flounder since my youth, I managed to come out low hook for the morning. However, when one of them turned out to be a three pound "pool winner," I was able to regain some honor by insisting that I was fishing only for snowshoes!

In this shallow spot, the flounder hit only on the running tide—and only on the flood. There was nothing about the area that would indicate such a feeding preference for just one tide direction, but Lou had found out about that by trial-and-error—another example of just how spotty this fishing can be. Boats coming out of Napeague Harbor often are able to load up without going so far. Goff Point, Hicks Island and the old fish factory at Promised Land are favorite spots.

Further east is Rocky Point, which separates Napeague Bay from Fort Pond Bay. A lot of Montauk boats work this area during May. Generally they anchor in thirty to forty feet and chum heavily. As is the case around Napeague Harbor, the flounder here aren't uniformly big. At times there are even a lot of undersized fish, but it's usually possible to pick through them and come up with a decent catch. When the flounder aren't thick, crabs and skates can keep you busy at Rocky Point.

Culloden Point, at the northeastern tip of Fort Pond Bay, is another popular spot. Once again, this is relatively deep water fishing. However, the tide runs much stronger than it does at Rocky Point, and good fishing usually occurs in the early and late portions of the tide. During some season, the last of the flounder can be found in forty feet of water north.

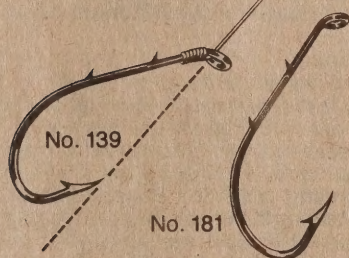
There used to be good snowshoe flounder fishing east of Montauk Harbor by early May, but it seems to be occurring later in recent years. However, once the flounder start thinning out around Gardiner's Island

and the other spots to the west, it's time to check out Shagwong. At times it appears that all the flounder from western areas are moving through that area at once, as the entire fleet ranging from Gin Beach offshore to Washington Shoals will be hooking up. The latter spot has long been noted for snowshoe flounder, though the fishing there hasn't been very consistent in recent years. On the other hand, the fishing west of Shagwong Point from the inner buoy almost to shore has been outstanding.

I had an opportunity to try this spot on June 5 last year. I had struggled in the pre-dawn hours for a single big bass and went out late in the morning for some relaxing flounder fishing. It hardly turned out to be relaxing! The only mussels I could buy were so small that it often took two to make a bait. I anchored in 20' of water on a flood tide that was already moving rapidly, and had action as soon as the sinker touched bottom. Since flounder fishing isn't usually that fast, I like to keep myself busy by fishing two rods. On this occasion that just wasn't possible. As soon as I'd put even one rod down to open more mussels, a fish would hit. By the end of the tide I had more flounder than I wanted to fillet (even after releasing everything under a pound or so), plus six blackfish. Furthermore, all the other boats there seemed to be doing just as well!

The tides around Shagwong are strong, and it takes a good bit of sinker to hold bottom when the tide is roaring. At times there is very little action during a heavy tide, so it's wise to plan your fishing from the last couple of hours of one tide into the first two hours of the next. If the flounder cut off as the tide starts boiling, you'll probably have enough at that point to call it a good day—rather than waiting out two to three hours of tough fishing. It would

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seem to make sense that the fish would hit best on an outgoing tide as they are leaving an area on the way offshore. However, I had my best action on the flood, and only a pick on the beginning of the ebb. On other days, it can be just the opposite.

When it comes to bait, you can hardly go wrong with mussels. They're no longer inexpensive, and you'll often get stuck with a load of little ones that take forever to open—but big flounder love them! If you don't have a chum brick (or run out of them) fill your chum pot with crushed mussels. Scattering mussels around the boat in tidal areas won't do you much good. When baiting up, just hook the mussel on a few times and let most of it trail off the hook. Even big flounder have small mouths, but they have no trouble sucking in a long, slim bait. I prefer fairly heavy mustad Chestertown hooks for two reasons. First of all, they won't straighten out on a snowshoe or blackfish and secondly, I'd rather not even hook any small flounder.

There's quite a bit of controversy regarding the use of bloodworms and sandworms. Some anglers swear by them, and others won't even carry them along. Even though some of the flounder we caught at Gardiner's Island spit up seaworms, Lou Rosado told me that he hasn't had any luck with worms for bait in that area. When the price of seaworms went out of sight, that solved the dilemma for me. I fish with mussels and never feel that I'm in any way handicapped. Ironically, these large flounder will often hit skimmer clams (particularly the muscle around the edge of the shell) as well as mussel—and that bait is a lot tougher.

Those trailering boats out east for this fishing should be sure to carry plenty of anchor line and a good anchor. If you don't have a good bit of chain ahead of the anchor, 100 ft. of line may not be enough to hold position in a strong tide in just 20 ft. of water on Shagwong.

There are also plenty of good flounder spots east of Shagwong, though few anglers have been going any further in recent years. Heavy tackle isn't necessary, but you will have to handle heavy sinkers in mid-tide and very light lines will break off too frequently in kelp. Mono in the 12 lb. test class does the job nicely. Bring plenty of sinkers, including some to weight down your chum pot in a strong tide.

If you've caught enough small flounders this season and are willing to work hard for some flatties that will really put a bend in your rod, then the East End is the place for you. It really isn't worthwhile until late April, but just as your flounder fishing is dribbling out there should be some first class action from Gardiner's Island to Montauk. Big flounder are a real challenge to hook and give a fine account of themselves on light tackle. And a freezer full of fillets isn't hard to take either!

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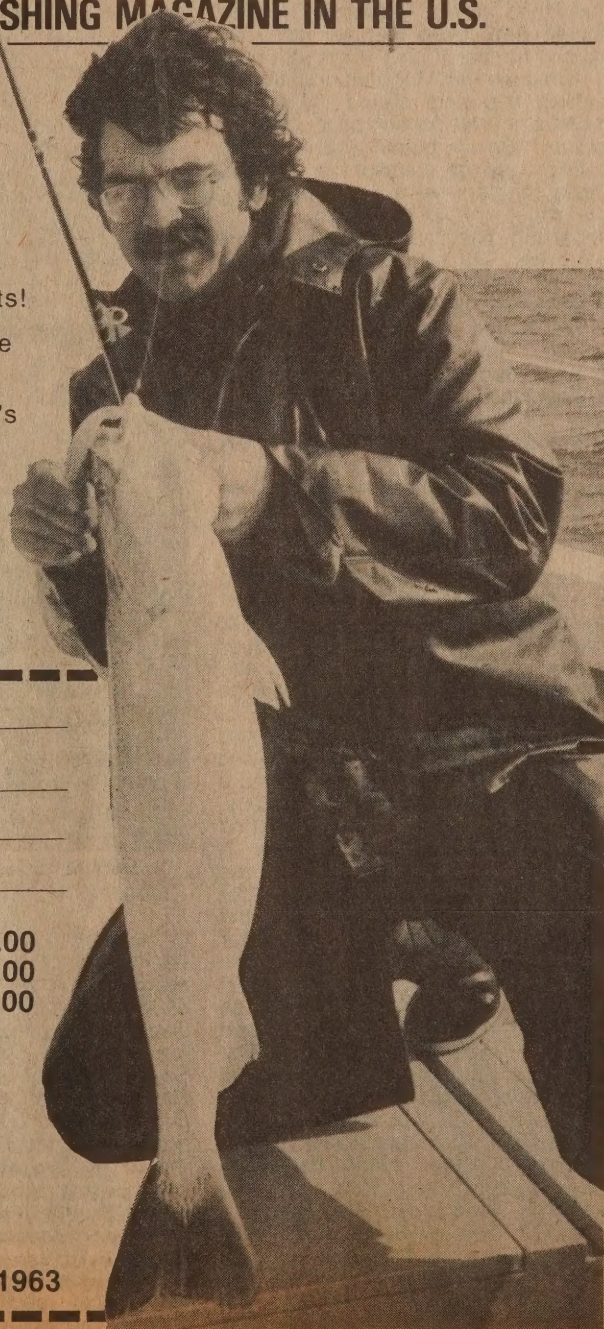


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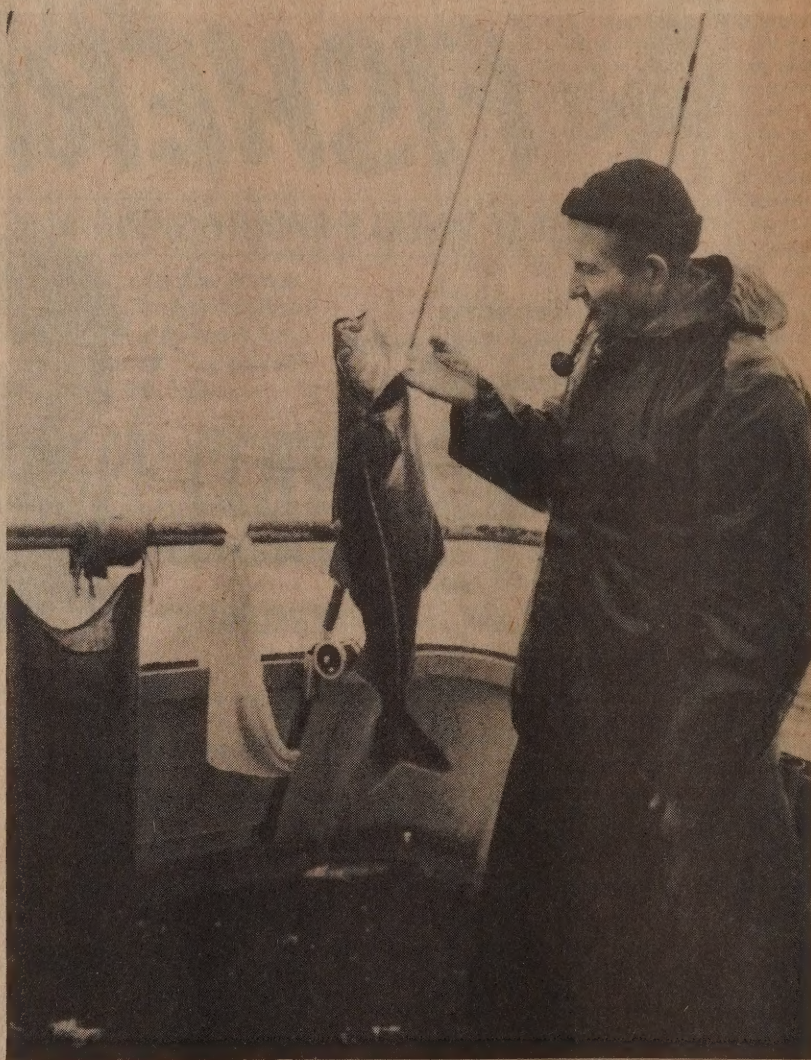
by Martin & Janet Garrell

A friend who lives down Jersey way recently asked us, "What in the world is a 'Boston' bluefish?" He'd bought some in a local market, it tasted like cod, and some wise local angler had told him that "it was just about the same fish, and it fought like an old boot, too."

Obviously our friend and his buddy had the wrong impression! They should have been with us last May aboard the party boat Viking Skipper II, when we left Montauk on a spring codfish trip and wound up in the midst of a brief pollack blitz off Block Island. "Boston blues" in the twenty pound class were smashing jigs and tubes, anglers were scuttling along the rails, trying to control rapidly departing fish, and breakoffs were occurring with sickening regularity for the unlucky souls who tried to subdue their pollack by brute force.

We nailed our first respectable pollack that morning just as the skipper, Bud Dorman, gave the signal to haul anchor so we could chase a body of fish he'd tracked on his Lowrance. We'd just made a short pendulum cast from the bow with a jig-and-teaser and the rig had drifted to mid-depth. We were cranking like demons to retrieve the lure, when an eighteen pounder crashed it. On twenty pound gear, the strike came as a terrific jolt, just as if someone had smacked us across the shoulder blades with a billy club. The pollack wasted no time swapping ends and boring directly away from the boat on a fifty yard run; then, shaking its head, it decided to change sectors of ocean and broke for the stern. It was time for fifteen "excuse me's" and a couple of over-and-under waltz steps, but after much kidding we settled down to a tug-of-war in one corner. It took perhaps five minutes for the game to turn in our favor, and after one last short run near the boat, the pollack was within gaffing range for Jerry, Dorman's mate. The time elapsed between strike and gaff couldn't have been any more than twelve minutes, but to our weakened knees, it seemed much longer. The fight was not unusual; on medium tackle, *Pollachius virens* gives an account of itself that compares with all but the most spectacular of our Eastern saltwater game fish—perhaps the tunas or billfish. An "old boot" the pollack definitely is not!

Bud Dorman told us that pollack are one of his favorite fish, and it's easy to see why. They have the heft and taste (when fresh) of cod and the surliness and strong fighting qualities



Mike Michaelson of Copiague admires a 10 lb. pollack taken last winter aboard the "Viking Star."

of bluefish. Unfortunately for Long Island pollack fans, the fish are so seasonal that we seldom see enough of these battlers during the angling year. Good pollack fishing can be found virtually year-round north of Cape Cod, but it's pretty much a December through May proposition in our area. The best action seems to occur in flurries at the beginning and the end of that period. Such flurries may last a few days or a week, although they occasionally extend a month or more, as they did in the spring of 1979.

We always respect those fish most highly that teach us something by "wiping our eyes," and the very first

Long Island pollack we encountered did exactly that. We were soaking clams one December day two years back aboard the Marlin IV, when Captain Richard Rade hollered down to the deck that there were fish showing at mid-depth on his recorder. A master angler from Amityville, Dan Viafore, who was next to us, quickly switched to a jig-and-teaser and suggested that we do the same. He hooked his first pollack, a ten pounder, even before we had our knots tied. It took only three casts before we were "in," and it took only thirty seconds before the pollack was "off." Incredulous, we brought the rig back and inspected it. The fish had

broken the diamond jig's 7/0 single hook at its bend. One must never make the mistake of attaching a hook to the trailing eye of a jig without fastening a swivel first. The twisting and head-shaking antics of a pollack, just like those of a slammer bluefish, can easily provide enough leverage to tear a hook free, open it up, or simply break it, as we found out!

According to the information in **World Record Game Fishes**, published annually by the International Game Fish Association, the pollack is perhaps the most active member of the cod family and prefers the same temperature range as its larger cousin, the cod, *Gadus morhua*, namely 35° to 52° F. The feisty pollack is a deep or mid-water fish, but it often rips into baitfish at the surface. It's not unusual to find pollack as shallow as the 20' level (imagine such a fish on a fly rod!) or as deep as the 600' level. Wherever small pelagic fishes, sand eels, and crustaceans are found, that is where pollack will be.

Just how big do pollack grow? The growth rate is approximately six inches a year for the first three years, then some four inches a year for the next three. A typical, mature, spring run pollack of twenty pounds measures some 32" to 35" and is usually seven or eight years old. If interested in checking the age of a fish, the angler can look at the otoliths (ear bones) inside a pollack's skull and count age rings similar to those on a tree. Record-class pollack run thirty-five pound or better in six out of ten IGFA categories, and the all-tackle world record is a 46 lb. 7 oz. fish, taken on fifty pound test line.

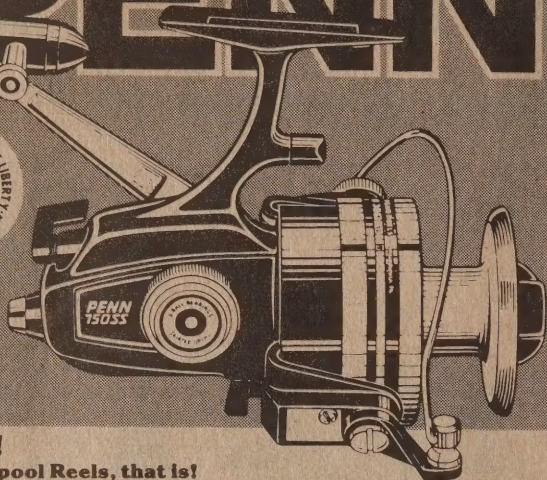
The appeal that baitfish, particularly sand eels, have for pollack make them an easy mark for tubes fished in various ways. Yes, even the boys with umbrellas have discovered this fact, much to the dismay of those of us who enjoy our fish one-at-a-time on medium or light tackle. The standard party boat rig is a six or eight ounce Ava-type diamond jig with a surge tube-tail and a 7/0 or 9/0 hook, plus a tube-teaser on a 5/0 or 7/0 hook, tied some two feet or more above the jig. Color preferences for the tubes seem to be at the red end of the spectrum, although we are told that green has its days as well.

How does one attach this rig to a main strand of monofilament that may test between twelve and thirty pounds? Thereby hangs a tale. Bud Dorman states simply, "You must do it exactly right unless the fish are chewing the bait off the hooks. Pink Ande (works best), not leader material; no garbage! No metal except hooks!" Following Dorman's rule, we tie a six to ten foot length of thirty or forty pound test Ande to our mono with a Uni-knot or an Albright connection, put a dropper loop somewhere in the middle for the teaser, and tie the diamond with a standard clinch knot. The weak point



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of the strand occurs at the dropper or at the clinch, which ought to test at eighty to ninety percent of the Ande's rated breaking strength. Thus on twelve pound gear, it's fine to use thirty pound test material as a shocker, but if you insist on fishing thirty pound gear to its utmost, the shocker ought to be at least 45 or 50 lb. test material, which might spook a few fish on clear calm days.

Certain skippers and regulars blanch at the thought of using spinning gear rather than conventional, but down in the twelve to fifteen pound range, this would seem to be perfectly logical, depending on one's preference. After all, you're seldom yo-yoing jigs or feeling the bottom. Mostly, you are just cranking slow, faster, or like mad to bring the lures up through the middle depths where most strikes occur. We have to admit that we stick to conventional ourselves, out of habit.

Incidentally, pollack are taken frequently on clam baits intended for cod and on other strange baits as well. Last December, we were trying to avoid mini-bergalls aboard the Viking Star and patiently waiting for our first cod or blackfish. Eventually we hooked a bergall on a #2 O'Shaughnessy intended for tautog, and, cursing quietly, we cranked the little monster upwards. Thirty feet off the bottom, the bergall ran into a stone wall that shook its head violently and raced away. Pollack! Somehow, the little hook held long enough for us to gently play the ten pounder down and lead it to the gaff. The hook slipped out of the pollack's lip as soon as the fish came over the rail. Of course, we'd been awfully lucky, and that's not the way to catch pollack.

It's common to hear debates about the eating qualities of pollack versus cod and to see veteran cod fishermen reject the former out of hand. They'd rather stick to the rail for hours, soaking clams, hoping for a three to six pound spring cod, than put a jig overboard during a morning flurry and pull pollack twice or three times as big. Perhaps these fellows have never bothered to ice down a freshly-caught pollack, steaked it at dockside, and then carefully removed all the gut lining and blood from individual steaks. Pollack, carefully treated, is a superb eating fish. Also, pollack heads and roe should never be discarded. A twenty pounder provides several servings of cheeks and chowder from its head, and the roe from a ripe female is almost as mild as weakfish roe.

If the reader hasn't guessed by now, *Pollachius virens* is a personal favorite of ours. And when our friend from New Jersey, who didn't know that when he made his "old boot" remark, comes out our way for a visit in May, we'll try to get him into the peak of the spring run. The persistent hiss of a fast-emptying reel spool, after a rampaging Boston blue has signed in, just might change his mind.

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Fun With Mackerel

by Gerald Hahn

A familiar refrain heard on party boats in the summer and fall is "Porgy Time," probably because so many scup are caught then. I'm surprised, however, that fishermen do not cheer mackerel with equal enthusiasm. Perhaps they are too busy catching them. The fact is that anglers probably catch more mackerel in a single day than any other species in Long Island.

Mackerel roam the seas in mind-boggling numbers. By around the middle of April, millions of these pelagic fish begin to work their way north along the Jersey Coast, and within a week or two, they bump into Long Island's south shore. Then, spreading out in enormous schools, the macks form an offshore wall of fish, from the New York Bight to beyond Montauk. These speedy predators move so quickly, however, that equally great numbers soon fill up the vast pocket of Long Island Sound, as well. For a few weeks in May, then, mackerel anglers can experience the most prodigious fishing of a season barely begun.

For fishermen with an eye to the freezer, no species are more cooperative than mackerel. Perhaps one reason (aside from sheer quantity) is that mackerel are more responsive to artificials than to the natural baits on which they normally feed—sand eels, spearing, shrimp, marine worms, and other small prey. Nine times out of ten, they will sooner strike a lure than a natural offering. No time is spent, then, baiting up after each catch. Moreover, the catches come quickly. Hooking two porgies at the same time may be an occasional event worthy of recognition, but when fishing for mackerel, double-headers are as common as catching single specimens. Indeed, the stakes are higher here: triple-headers, four on a rig, and sometimes five! Unfortunately, however, under such phenomenal fishing conditions the poor mack is not a highly prized gamester. Setting a reasonable catch limit, then, is the sensible thing to do, and thereafter, when open boats are not crowded, breaking out light tackle and seeing what these relatives of the tuna can do.

But first, a multi-hook rig, called a "Mackerel Tree," is used for catching quantities of these fish. The rig consists of a stout leader of 40 lb. test, with a barrel swivel at the top and a snap or an end loop at the bottom. In-between, four large dropper loops are tied from 10" to 15" apart, so that the entire rig is about five feet long.



Buckets fill quickly when macks start coming over the rail.

Small hooks, #1 or 1/0, such as open-ring Limericks, long-shanked O'Shaughnessys, Beaks, Carlisles, or Pacific bass hooks, covered with tinker tubing, are slipped through the droppers. No snells are used. However, better rigs come with barrel swivels attached to the hooks, for reducing line twist and for better presentation. On south shore party boats, all-red mackerel trees are popular, although any color combinations will do. Mackerel, I suspect, react to movement more than to color. On the bottom of the rig, a bank sinker of suitable weight may be attached, but most fishermen prefer a two or three ounce diamond jig with a 1/0 treble or a single hook of the same size. A diamond jig works better than a sinker because the jig flashes in the water and resembles a large baitfish

pursuing a school of smaller fish, thereby inducing the quick, competitive mackerel to reach the quarry first. The jig adds a fifth hook to the rig, as well. Smaller trees may be fashioned with two or three hooks for easier casting with a short rod.

Normally, a medium action, 7' boat rod and matching conventional reel, filled with 25 to 30 lb. test should be considered for this kind of fishing. Although mackerel seldom weigh more than two pounds, when three or four simultaneously attack a rig, they exert great pressure on rod and reel, and the heavy line gives the anglers greater control in tight quarters. Few lost fish, few lost rigs when tangles occur.

In the peak of a mackerel run, even novices do well. However, when the schools thin out, or when fishing

conditions are not ideal, it is worth noting that there are different ways to work a mackerel tree. For example, last May I boarded a crowded boat out of Captree, which required two different fishing techniques. Within forty minutes, we reached our destination, a few miles s/w of Fire Island Inlet's whistle buoy. Although the depth here is 60', the mackerel were feeding much higher up, about 20' to 25' below the surface. With a full boat and a full moon tie, the captain decided to split up the fishing time, so that at first, those on the port side would have their lines going away from the boat and later, their lines going under the boat. This would give each side an equal chance to catch the most fish. No stern job that day. Novices generally find the fishing easier (although not necessarily more productive) when their rigs are moving away from the boat. They simply lower their rigs to the proper depth and pump their rods occasionally until they get a hit or their lines swing too far away. If nothing happens by then, they reel in and repeat. Along this side, hits came came at a steady rate.

Meanwhile, on the starboard side, experienced fishermen were doing better, while newcomers encountered some difficulty. The beginners would lower their lures straight down, and within a few seconds, their lines would be under the boat, accomplishing nothing. Some let out so much line that their rigs tangled with those on

the port side. On the other hand, the regulars made moderate casts, engaged their reels immediately and worked their rods, as the lines moved toward the boat. Two or three mackerel would usually slam the tree at once, but if nothing happened, the rig would be retrieved before it drifted under the boat. Although it is more work fishing this side, and it requires some casting skill with conventional gear, anglers working it properly have the advantage of first intercepting the mackerel. No matter which side is fished, however, the successful angler locates the proper depth and makes sure that all the hooks are riding free. Mackerel will hit neither a tangled rig nor one that is below their feeding level.

When the freezer-filling limit nears, break out a light 7' spinning rod with a Garcia 300 or any equivalent reel, filled with 10 lb. test, and tie on a single diamond jig with an improved clinch knot, provided the boat is not crowded. You will not catch so many fish now, but you will discover the mackerel's fighting potential. Its strike may not be like the jolt of a bluefish, but its greater speed makes up the difference. Possessing no swim bladder, the mackerel is constantly on the move. And with its sleek, streamlined body, its large forked tail and tiny scales, the mackerel is fast, indeed, a miniature version of the bonito, the albacore, and various tunas (which incidentally, belong to the mackerel

family). Simply cast the lure, let it settle to the proper depth, and reel in fast, while twitching the rod.

Tidal stages do not matter much during the peak of the mackerel migration, usually the first two weeks in May. Thereafter, as water temperatures rise and the schools thin out, the morning hours are the most productive. Similarly, strong winds and storms tend to break up the schools, whereas a mild breeze rippling the water's surface is better.

Mackerel are the easiest fish to clean because scaling is not necessary. Simply cut off the head on the oblique, toward the vent, and the job is done. Few fish taste as good as fresh broiled mackerel. However, mackerel does not hold up well if kept in the freezer too long; its oily flesh takes on an overly pungent, gamey taste. Some fishermen save a few whole mackerel as bait for bluefish or larger game fish later on. Mackerel is also a fine substitute for bunker chum, if a grinder is available. The ground mackerel is put in milk containers and stored in the freezer.

Although mackerel are all over Long Island in May, most of the party boats going for them are in the western half, on both the north and south shores. Check the ads in this magazine and plan a trip in early May. Set a reasonable catch limit with conventional tackle, and break out the light gear for some extraordinary fishing. Soon, you will start chanting, "Mack Time!"



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PECONIC BAY WEAKFISHING: HOW MUCH HAS IT CHANGED?

by William A. Muller



Al Ristori and I will cover the weakfishing scene in the Peconics this spring. We are attempting to proceed with these articles in a coordinated way and with full recognition that weakfishing in 1981 is not the same ball game that it was in 1973. Al, it was decided, will concentrate on the fishing approaches that might not be available to everyone, but which tend to produce better; e.g., night fishing. Now, I'm gonna cover the more standard techniques angle, but with an eye towards the trends that have established themselves.

Of course, no one knows exactly how good or how bad fishing for a given species might be in any given season. This is so because the abundance of the species isn't the only factor that determines successful fishing. Temperatures, bait, and weather conditions can easily overwhelm what should be the influence of a large year class. However, although a prediction might be off for one year, trends will prevail in the long run.

Many younger fishermen are not aware that weakfish were available in our waters during the 1950s and the 1960s. However, these were not big fish—save for the occasional exception. The summer run of fish, especially in the Peconics, was solid in most years, but the spring run of outsized fish did not occur. Thus, based upon available evidence there is good reason to believe that we may be returning to that type of fishing.

No one knows why the big fish stop coming back. It is an obvious question: if there are lots of little guys why don't they come back to spawn in the spring when they are bigger? It is a good question without a suitable answer. There have indeed been plenty of one to four pound weaks in our bays during July and August the last few years, and it is also a fact that the quality of weakfish catches in the spring has declined. The decline is not in terms of size, but in quantity of fish caught. In the early to mid-Seventies, it was possible to regularly catch 100 big weaks or more. This year, it will be an uncommon situation. Save the letters, because I'm sure that here and there some lucky anglers have had impressive catches. However, a survey of boat liveries and small private craft reveals that on most spring days the catches are more in the order of a half-dozen fish or less: often the catch is zero!

We can lament this turn of events, yet why should we since it is part of the natural cycle. That cycle brought us the Great Grey Hordes a decade ago and that cycle will now provide us with great summer sport and, for awhile, modest sport with weaks so big that our young children will someday laugh at us when we tell the stories. The only hope for belief in our tales will be if we have the foresight to have one of the monsters mounted. Even the most skeptical descendant will have trouble denying the fish on the wall!

A brief look back will show that the weakfish scene has been steadily changing. The early Seventies were the days of weaks that averaged four to six pounds and ate everything we threw at them. In a few years, the fish were averaging five to seven pounds and our favorite lures changed from Salty Dogs to more seductive plastic imitations. By the mid-1970s the fish were averaging a pound or so larger and we were adapting to new techniques that called for long, supple, and very tempting plastic worms. No sooner had we begun to "get with" the worm technique and there were rumblings that shrimp chum or drifting live sand worms was taking more fish.

For some, the speed at which the techniques changed were too much and some of us seemed always to be one or two techniques behind everyone else. Now the weaks average seven to nine pounds and with enough tens, eleven, twelve and bigger to cause quite some stir in the fishing world. But who's catching them? Better still, how can you and I catch them?

Many fishermen are limited to certain days and specific hours for their fishing. There are many reasons for this, so perhaps Al's suggestions are beyond the reality of many of us. I'm one of you who really can't spend much time in a boat at night because my nights are spent in the surf. True, I catch my share of good weaks in the surf at night, but I still enjoy drifting

along under a warm May sun catching weaks. This can be a family fishing experience and that alone gives it special merit. Now, I don't want to spend the day catching nothing and although I don't need to catch fifty weaks to be happy, I'd like at least every member of the crew to have a few on.

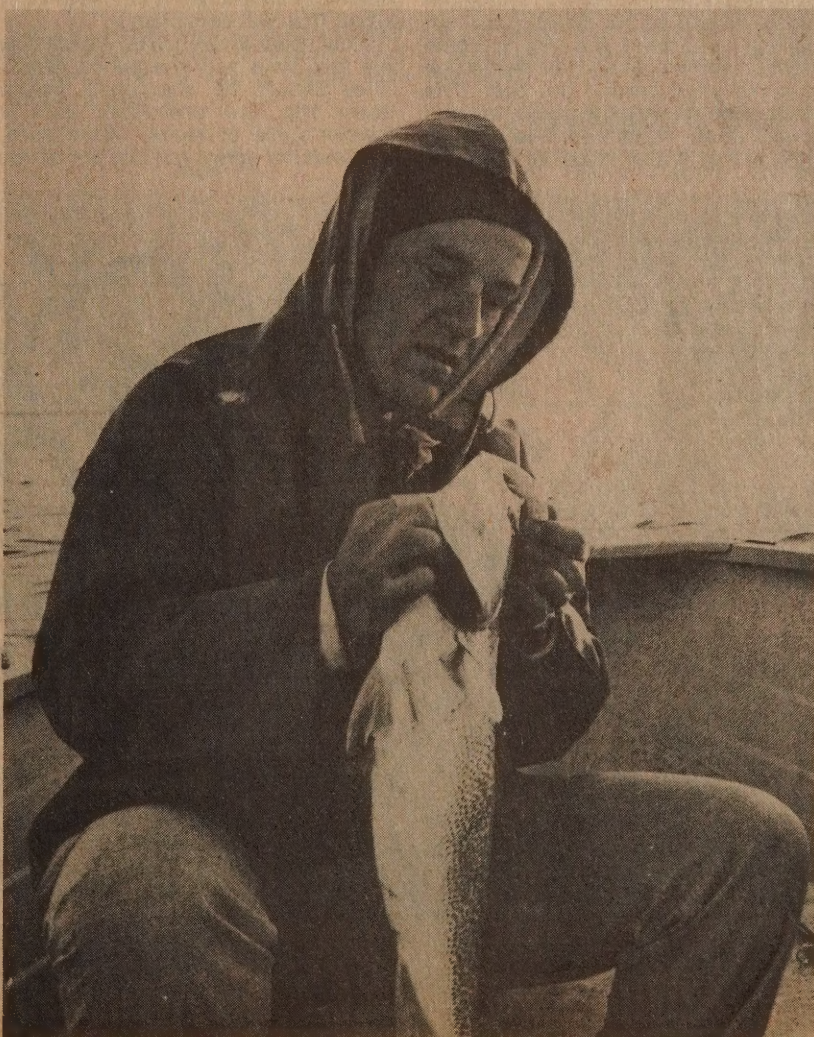
When the fish, regardless of species, stop committing suicide there is one general rule that will improve the catch of any fishermen. **PAY MORE ATTENTION TO DETAILS!** When fish are very abundant, the way the weaks were not too many years ago, we develop bad habits. These habits don't hurt us at first. When the fish get bigger and "smarter" those bad habits may spell the difference between success and...! What kind of details are we talking about? A brief list would include the condition of the bait, the sharpness of your hooks, the condition of your line, the maintenance of your reel, the accuracy of knots and terminal rigs, the preciseness of your drifts, the timing of your efforts, and the persistence of your efforts.

Let's take these one at a time. There are still a number of techniques that produce weakfish in the spring. Casting rubber worms, small buck-tails, and other deep running imitations are still perhaps the most popular. However, have you tied your knot properly so that it will stand up to a run from a heavy fish? How about that line—did you change it last winter? Are you using a light line so that the lure will sink quickly and the line not too visible to wary weaks? Perhaps you should think of six to eight pound test on that light spinning rod! Will your reel give up line smoothly, or will it balk because of lack of oil and a build-up of dirt and salt? One needs to be careful about the weight of the leadhead, too. The fish will now tend to be limited to a narrow feeding zone—usually very close to the bottom. A fast drift due to strong wind and/or fast currents may keep the lure "up" too high in the water column. Thin line and a heavier leadhead will get that lure down to where it can do some good. You'll need to experiment with sizes until you achieve an occasional bounce on bottom without a constant drag.

For you bait fishermen out there, details will also be important. Actually we suggest, regardless of whether you prefer lure or bait, that you drift in what should be productive territory. I put out one high leader rig baited with either a whole sand worm or a nice, long, tapered piece of local squid. I set the drag very loose and secure the rod in either a rod holder or against the gunwale in a secure posture. Make sure that the drag resistance is not strong enough to allow the weakfish to take your rod overboard. I'll use a conventional outfit for the bait fishing. With another rod and reel (light spinning or bait casting) I'll throw out a rubber



These anglers chose to anchor and fish bait between Robin's Island and Nassau Point. Note two fish on and one in the net.



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worm or some other tempting plastic morsel. Now, I'm covering the bases. If the weaks want bait today, I'm ready and if they want plastic, I'm ready! I'll drift perhaps south of buoy 25 in the South Race, or near buoy 30 towards Shinnecock, or between the southern tip of Robins Island and buoy 22 at the southern end of the Nassau Point sand bar. Now if I start to take fish on one bait or the other in a given spot, I'll give up the two technique approach and concentrate on one.

When you find weaks, make your drifts short. Take careful landmark ranges and carefully set up each drift. Drift until you get no hits (usually about one-quarter to one-half mile) and then power up and repeat. Work this spot until a half dozen drifts produce nothing, then search with a two-bait approach elsewhere.

Baitfishermen may also prefer to anchor in a likely spot and chum, using grass shrimp, small pieces of squid, bunker chum, or minced clams. Patience will be necessary since it may take up to one hour to draw the weaks to your chum slick. Careful attention to the rate of chum dispersal is very important. The chum pieces should go out steadily but not heavily. You want the fish to come right up to the boat and not feed a few hundred yards behind the boat. The chum should tempt them and not feed them. Some fishermen like to fish their bait on a high leader or high-low

rig on the bottom close to the boat; while others like to drift an unweighted worm or shrimp cluster behind the boat in the current. Drifting a bait behind the boat will require very little boat traffic and, therefore, may not be the best approach in congested South Race during the middle of the day. However, if you can steal away to a quiet spot you might get lucky. Otherwise, the technique is best for late afternoon or evening when most folks have gone home. Bait fished on the bottom may therefore be better helped by chum that is dispersed from a pot sent to the bottom and jigged now and then.

Earlier we referred to the quality of the bait as being very important detail. It simply doesn't pay to try and get your bait cheap unless that means getting it yourself. Small sickly sand worms are worse than a waste of time and California squid is, if it is possible, even worse than that. Local squid that has not been quick frozen and pre-washed may also be unsatisfactory. Buy your bait from a bait and tackle man or a boat livery station where the knowledge and integrity of the owner is a known quantity. Pay him his price and in return, you'll get a bait that will catch fish.

How about those hooks? When was the last time you sharpened them? They should be sharpened before every trip and preferably with a jeweler's file or stone. Make sure, too, that the hooks you use are of the

finest quality. Hooks that will bend or break cost more in the long run.

Timing! Weakfish tend to set up feeding patterns in response to available bait and other conditions. Until there is a weather change, the fish will usually stick to the pattern with only minor ups and downs. The folks who know the pattern best are the bait and tackle stores in the Peconics and the boat livery stations. Call ahead, reserve some quality bait, a boat, and inquire about the when, the where, the overall fishing quality. If the fella tells you that the fish have been hitting good on the outgoing tide near buoy 30 for the last three days, it may be foolish to show up for the incoming tide and fish the Middle Grounds east of Nassau Point. It may turn out by the time outgoing tide rolls around you'll be so disgusted, you'll miss out on some good fishing.

Weakfishing will remain an attraction in the Peconics for some time we think, but we'll have to continue to adjust and modify our techniques as the times and circumstances change. It may not have been so obvious, but that's what we have been doing ever since the return of the Great Grey Hordes about a decade ago anyway! It has been a light tackle sport of the finest quality and still is, but in order to have continued good success we may all have to call upon more and more of the resources that are available to us. See you when the Lilacs bloom!

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COD

Charter boat **King Wayne** reports a super three days of codfishing. Friday's trip for Ed Usinger and party fished SW Ledge with 11 men taking 56 cod in the morning and 12 blackfish up to 10 lbs. in the afternoon. David Wong took the pool with the largest cod and blackfish. Saturday's charter for Woodside Seafood saw 18 anglers boat 200 cod up to 15 lbs. They fished SW Ledge and SW of Block Island. The skipper said there were 3 to 4 fish on all day. Sunday was a repeat of the codfish action for Springbrook Fishing Club of Brooklyn. Fishing close to Block Island, fares had 60 ling. Then at the Hooter Buoy a mixed bag of blacks, flounder and cod were caught. SW Ledge was hit again for 50 more cod up to 25 lbs.

Capt **Richie Rade** of the **Marlin Fleet** reports plenty of cod being caught on his boats plus a scattering of pollack. Catches are ranging from 10 to 20 fish a man, fewer on the weekend due to boat traffic. On the **Marlin IV**, Sunday saw George Schulman bag a 61 lb. cod. Warren Kocher smiled when his 59 lb. 8 oz. fish flopped on the deck. Ten other fish went from 40 to 50 lbs. Fifty fish were over 30 lbs. The boat fished offshore and also had some doggies. There were from 80 to 90 fish on the boat for 33 anglers. This was all on bait. During the week a larger quantity of fish was had at SW Ledge. Six men from NJ fished for 5 days and ended up with 600 lbs. of fillets. Pollack should explode any day.

West Lake Fishing Lodge reports that aboard the **Wee Mac** Saturday, Mr. Baker and 3 friends accounted for 54 cod, a flounder and an 8 lb. blackfish. The flounder was a 4 pounder and was taken at Block Island. Ron Grandinetti and 3 friends got 26 cod up to 18 lbs. and 11 snowshoe flounder up to 4½ lbs. at SW Ledge. On the charter boat **My Mate** Capt Joe McBride calls to our attention that flounders are of the jumbo variety off Rocky Point. Joe also says that he has choice cod and flounder dates available for late May. Bruce Kieffer on the **Feeling Free** had 25 flounders up to 3½ lbs. fishing Rocky Point in 50' to 30' of water.

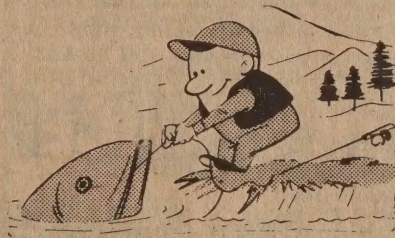
Charter boat **Adios** reports Wednesday's charter for Dr. Harper of Ledgewood NJ was successfully although the weather was bad. Two anglers had 88 flounders. Saturday's charter from PA was happy with 97 keeper flounders. Sunday's trip was picky because of the mob of boats all trying to fish the same area. Capt Phil

still managed 49 good fish for Randy Brown of Rocky Point.

Capt Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say that the cod is still super good, fish running from 10 to 15 lbs. from the Sub buoy to SE Light. There are a few hangers on every trip and also a few small pollack. Snowshoe flounders at Block Island which have been hitting clam best, look pretty good and have been in the 2½ to 4½ lb. range.

The **Capt Willie** has been providing charters with very consistent flounder trips also on clam, fish ranging 1½ to 3½ lbs. The boat has been fishing locally and fares have had full buckets.

Capt Paul Forsberg, Jr. of the **Viking Fleet** tells of the best Block Island snowshoe flounder fishing going on now. He is going to be running 7 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays specifically for snowshoes. Call for reservations. Snows are running 3 to 5 lbs. Codfish have been good all week south of Block Island aboard the **Viking Star**. He's fishing the reefs and ledges and pool fish are always in the 40s. Catches are averaging 12 to 20 fish a man on bait and also on jigs and tubes. A few pollack mixed in. The **Viking Starship** with Paul Forsberg Sr. aboard, will be arriving back to Montauk by May 15 and will start weekend cod at Cox's Ledge and offshore wrecks.



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The **Capt Clark II** reports some good flounder action during the week, fish in the 1 to 2 lb. class that were taken on mussels and worms. Saturday and Sunday fishing was somewhat slower with a steady pick at each drop. Capt Clark expects to start weakfishing in about a week to ten days as the weaks are moving into Peconic Bay. Watch the fishing reports and the **Capt Clark II** ad or phone for the very latest info.

Hank of **Altenkirch Bait and Tackle** reported macks in good supply south of the inlet. Plenty of weaks outside along the beaches where netters have been doing a job on them. A few being taken along with some flounder in the canal. Hank expects the canal run of weaks to get into high gear any day now.

HAMPTON BAYS

John at **Corr's Fishing Station** reported good flatfishing on Saturday and Sunday despite the weather. On Saturday, Chester Kosicinski took 24 flounder from 1 to 1½ lbs. in East Channel. On Sunday, the Surfside III Tuna Club held a flounder tournament among themselves which resulted in 125 flatties being taken. First

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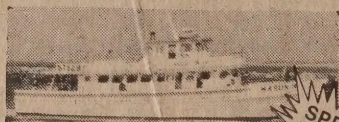
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place was copped by Chris Bofinger who took a 2 3/4 lb. Jerry Brickler took 2nd place, while 3rd place was nailed down by Greg Palmeri. Three anglers on Sunday took 80 flounder, including 15 fish in the 2 lb. class Southwest of the C. G. Station. The anglers were George Filios, Don Connolly and John Kemp. The Dandruff with Captain Lou at the wheel returned to the marina with over 300 macks taken near the C buoy on mackerel trees and jigs.

MORICHES BAY

Larry at L&M Marine reported super flounder fishing despite the weather at buoys 41 to 44. Moving water is all that is needed to score and plenty of big fish are being taken. Among the many good catches made on the weekend was a catch of 65 fish to 2 lbs. taken on Sunday by Steve Nader, his daughter Melissa and Frank Palmeri. Also Sunday, Howard Rieff, Peter Schwindeller and Nick Ruppino totalled 85 flounder at buoys 42 and 44. Both groups used worms and mussel chum.

Skidmore's Fishing Station described the flounder fishing as the best of the season. On Friday, Hank Schlanger put away 53 flaties by himself. Boats on Saturday and Sunday averaged 50 to 75 flaties, while on Saturday Joe Sander singlehandedly accounted for 87 flatfish. Most of the fishing is being done northeast of buoy 42 with worms and mussels. Those who chum make the best scores.

Gary at Silly Lily Fishing Station, reported flounder fishing has been excellent all week. Most boats returned with 50 to 80 fish in the 1 to 1 1/2 lb. range. Best bait has been bloodworms with mussel or clam chum and the best action has been from buoys 39 to 41 on any moving tide. Mussel chum is important for the larger catches. Among those scoring well on Sunday were Ernest, Kenneth and Joe Koos who took 80 flaties at buoy 41. Jeff Thomas and friends returned with 117 fish from the buoy 41 area during the week.

Sea Tuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport reported very good flounder fishing on Sunday despite the wind. Two boats totalled over 75 flaties apiece with nearly all in the 1 to 2 lb. class. Edwin Swager and Herb Hyde totalled 76 flaties northeast of buoy 42. They fished incoming water with sand worms and mussel and corn

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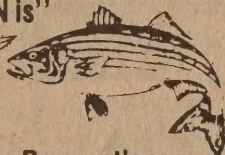
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Gary of **Stiriz Fishing Station** described the flatfishing as fantastic—the best in years. The fishing station operator would like to attribute the super fishing to the ban on dragging in the bay and at the same time, would like to applaud the New York State DEC for their enforcement of the ban. Catches have been ranging anywhere from 50 to 150 fish per boat, with some in the 2 lb. class. Best areas are from buoy 12 to buoy 20 in a running tide, along with worms or mussel and corn chum have been the ticket to a good score. A lot of other things happening in the area as Capt. Bill took the station's first weakfish last Wednesday. The 6 lber. was taken on a Salty Dog. Ron Phillips casting a Salty Dog for weakfish on Friday was rewarded with a 3½ lb. fluke at buoy 17. Stripers also showed with John Leventino taking seven bass up to 6 lbs. on white jelly worms Saturday night west of the bridge.

WEST SAYVILLE

Bill at South Bay Fishing Station

reported flounder good this week, across the bay off of Cherry Grove. Fish in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. class being taken on worms and mussel chum. The big news, though, is the arrival of the weakfish in the area. Fish were taken off of Ocean Beach on the weekend with most in the 6-10 lb. class. Jelly worms and sand worms were both effective.

OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sports** reported that 10-year-old Geoffrey DeBuiser paid good attention to his dad's fly fishing lessons, as demonstrated by the youngster's catch of 3 rainbow trout taken in Sayville's Mill Pond. On the saltwater front, Dave spoke of a catch of 6 weaks up to 9 lbs. made on Friday by Jim Butler, Tony Kenel and Marty and Mike Sagat. The group used sand worms at Ocean Beach and took their fish just before dark. Plenty of mackerel outside the inlet, but the flounder fishing locally has been poor. Best bet now for flatties is in the inlet area and along South Beach.

EAST ISLIP

Peppy's Bait and Tackle reported that the private boat **Seascope** took 160 mackerel on Sunday in 60' of water. Everyone has been doing a job on these fish. Flounder fishing was worthwhile this weekend, with the best action near the Sore Thumb. One boatmen checked in a catch of 5 weaks taken off of Ocean Beach on strawberry jelly worm and white bucktail combo. Reports of fish also taken in West Channel and at buoy 4. Al Aryes is the current leader in the shop flounder contest with a 1 lb. 15 oz. flattie.

BAY SHORE

Linda reported from **Smokey's Tackle Shop** that on Friday Dr. Joel Hiderstein aboard his Adjustment III took an 11 lb. weakfish on a jelly worm. Sunday, Dick Losee had a 6 lb. weak which he took, along with 10 flounder, fishing the buoy 8 area with

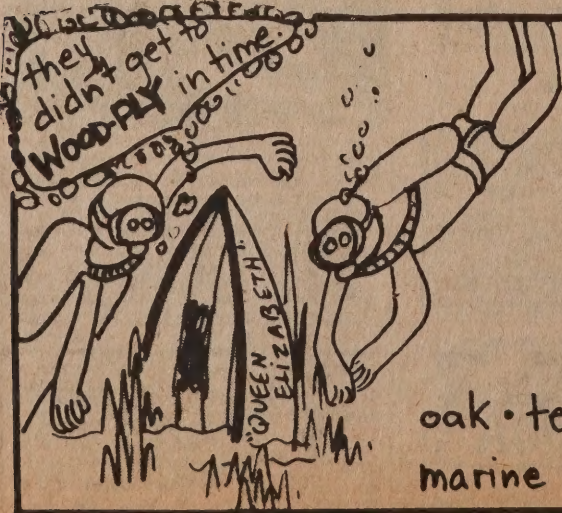
worms. Also on Sunday in the same vicinity, Boyd Miller, Bill Wonoski and Lou and Tony Lombardi totalled 30 flatties up to 2 lbs., using sandworms along with mussel and clam chum.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Casey Lee** said flounder fishing has been running from fair to good. Fishing was fine on Friday when skipper landed on a mess of big flatties at West Island. James Giarratano of Long Island City had 35 big flatties himself. Marty Beltrami took 21 fish, while Frank Mercado had 26. Beginning on Friday, the Casey Lee will be sailing 4PM daily for weakfish, while the morning trip will be a mixture of fluke and flounder fishing.

CAPTREE

Captain Richie Leitch of the **Capt. Leitch IV** reported a good turnout of anglers on the weekend. A variety of species including mackerel, weakfish, flounder and fluke should keep things hopping from here on in. The captain reported a catch of 100 flounder for seven fares on Saturday fishing the Lighthouse area and Clam Pond. On Sunday, he described the fishing as fair, with some anglers taking 12 to 15 flatties apiece. Richie knew that the open boat **Trebla** did a decent job on the flatties along South Beach on Sunday at the top of incoming water. The skipper will also begin experimenting with fluke this weekend by spending a couple of hours each day on the summer flatties. Several fish have already been taken by weakfishermen in the area.

Open boat **Capt. Bob Joseph** skippered by Captain Charlie Kennedy reported improved flounder action since the middle of last week from Clam Pond west to the inlet. Fishing during the week was good when small were the rule. Fishing on the weekend under more crowded conditions was described as fair. Loads and loads of mackerel 15 minutes southeast of the inlet being taken on the boat's 4PM trips. Charlie added that he will begin sailing for weaks by next weekend when he will assume a daily 4PM



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The open boat **Capt. Scotty** reported a fair to good pick on flounder in the inlet area. Mackerel catches on the afternoon trips have been very good, however, weakfish have made their appearance and due to demand, the skipper will be switching over and sailing daily at 2PM for the weaks along with the 6AM flounder trips.

The charter boat **Lady Ann** described the flounder fishing as fair to good and the mackerel fishing as excellent. The macks are concentrated just a short ride from the inlet and catches of 75 fish per man are the norm. Many are in the 2 lb. class.

The open boat **Blue Albatross II** fished a charter from NYCTA last week and did well with the flounder at the Sore Thumb as well as loading up on mackerel south of the inlet. On Sunday, members of the Roslyn Boat Club unloaded sacks of mackerel which were found south of the inlet in 50' of water.

Charter boat **Yankee III** fished a party from H.C.Borner Co. on Saturday. The group totalled 85 good sized flatties fishing in the Ocean Beach area. On Sunday, a group from Knights of Pythias had over 100 flatties at Ocean Beach and West Channel. The skipper knew of some weaks taken Sunday night and lots of mackerel just outside the inlet.

The charter boat **Flying Dutchman** did very good with the flatties at the Sore Thumb on Sunday. A group from the South Farmingdale Fire Department kept over 60 fish in the 3/4 to 1 1/2 lb. class using worms and clams. The best fishing was on the flood, after which the skipper moved east down off of Kismet where the first blackfish of the season was landed.

Charter boat **Rendova Island** has been doing a job on jumbo mackerel. On Sunday, a group from the New York City Dept. of Sanitation enjoyed a steady pick of flounder.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** reported flounder fish g has improved in recent days with most of the action at the Sore Thumb and at Clam Pond. Fish are moving off of the flats and beginning to concentrate in the deeper water near the inlet. Only one word to describe the mackerel fishing according to the skipper and that is, super with loads of fish just a short run outside of Fire Island Inlet.

Please note the new change aboard the **Speedy Fleet**. The **Speedy VII** in addition to the regular flounder trips, will also be sailing for weakfish on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The **Speedy VI** aside from their daily mackerel trips, will be sailing weakfish at 4 p.m. daily. See ad for details.

BABYLON

John reported from **Augie's Tackle Shop** reported a catch of 3 weakfish

up to 9 1/4 lbs. for Fred Muller on Friday. Fred used amber Salty Dogs and fished the West Channel area. On Saturday, John DiDona stopped by with 3 weaks from 9 to 10 1/4 lbs. Saturday also witnessed the season's first fluke. The 2 1/2 lb. summer flatie was checked in by Richie Koster who

took it along with six weakfish up to 10 lbs. 14 oz. He fished the ocean beach grounds with jelly worms. John also reported a slaughter on mackerel in 65' to 70' of water, south and southeast of the inlet. He described the flounder fishing as fair along South Beach and the inlet.

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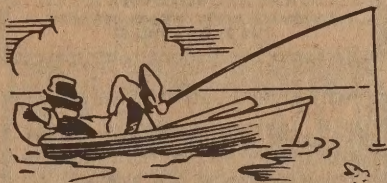
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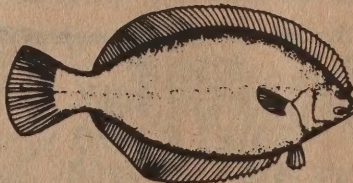
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Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle said there are still fair numbers of flounder in the area. On Friday, Pat Byrne and Richie Galluccio took 15 flatties up to 1½ lbs. in the State Channel. Also on Friday, Bob Anthony of West Islip checked in the shop's first weakfish of the year. He took an 8 lber. in West Channel. Weakfish also at Ocean Beach on jelly worms and plenty of mackerel outside the inlet.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reported the first big bass of the season. Alfred Anuszewski of Long Beach stopped by the shop Sunday morning with a striper of 18 lbs. 2 oz. which he took in the Jones Beach surf on a Rebel. To make the report all the more encouraging, Al also told of dropping two other fish. As for weakfish, best action seems to be concentrated on the ocean beach grounds to the east where sand worms, purple jelly worm and buck-tail combos have been taking fair numbers of fish in the 6-10 lb. class. Flounder still good at West Island and Four Corners for those looking to put away some flounder fillets.

The charter boat **Super Bee II** fished mackerel south of the whistler buoy and the old Fire Island light and put away 300 of the torpedoes for a party of five on Sunday. High winds made the fishing a bit tough and a little chum helped keep the fish at the boat.

SEAFORD

Lon of Wanser Bait and Tackle reported still lots of flounder being taken in Massapequa Cove, Zachs Bay, the 3rd bridge and at West and Squaw Island. Fish are being taken on worms and mussel or clam chum. Weakfishing got rolling this past week and one boatman checked in a catch of 3 fish from 7½ to 8 lbs. which he made down to the east in West Channel. Also on Saturday, a Zachs Bay flounder angler took 2 weakfish on worm baited hooks meant for flounder. Blackfish have started at the bridges and plenty of mackerel outside the inlet in 40' to 50' of water.

Art Wright of **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** reported a catch of 35 flounder up to 2¾ lbs. for Pat Abate, Al and Gus Russo and Walt Ulbin. The fish were taken on Saturday at the drawbridge on worms and mussels.

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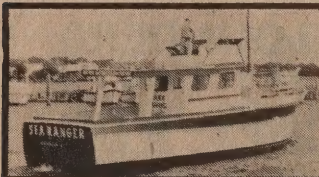
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The open boat Chincro reported that catches have been ranging from 6 to 22 fish a man with a lot of small fish mixed in. Heavy chum and stirring the bottom is a must to make a decent catch. Best fishing has been west of the 1st and 2nd bridges and at Four Corners with bloodworms accounting for the most fish.

John of Pop's Fishing Station reported that while the weekend's fishing was not up to par, action during the week was very good. On Friday, for example, Joe PaPone and Ted Reilmann took 90 flounder up to 2½ lbs. fishing in the drain south of Four Corners. They fished outgoing water with worms and clam and mussel chum. Blackfish are starting to show at the bridges and there are also a few small fluke around according to John.

BELLMORE

Merrick Tackle tells us that Paul Seward pounded flounder at the Wantagh Bridge area on Friday and bailed 42 keepers on worms in just 2 hours. Solid mackerel fishing at Cholera.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station says the flounder action is good when the weather is likewise but that strong winds discourage both fish and fishermen. The area where Haunts Creek meets Broad Creek has been hot this past week on the good days. Also the pole right next to the end of Nick's gas dock has been very good. Norman, who works for Nick's Dryland fished the Junction of Haunts and Broad Creeks and had a very good catch of flatties from ¾ to 1½ lbs.

BALDWIN

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Capt Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** reports that during the week mackerel fishing was fantastic. Wednesday it was best 3 miles south of Jones Tower. Eckehardt Mann of Spotswood NJ was high hook with 68 macks. On the weekend it was macks again for a charter for General Instruments. Dave Bernstein of Lake Grove had over 50 big Bostons. Aboard the **BF II** skippered by Capt Tony De Lerna, fishing Reynold's Channel for flounder saw Frank McNerney of the Bronx bag the pool while high hook honors went to Doug Bell with 25 flounders.

Anthony's Fishing Station tells of good flounder catches as evidenced by Fred Mulcahey with 86 flounders on Monday in the 1½ lb. class. These were caught in the Merrick area using blood worms. Charlie Anderson fished Long Creek and totaled 70 fish. Eddie Poetch got 65 flounders with bloods, mussels and clam chum.

The **Capt Gary** called to tell us that Saturday's charter for Paul LoCasio and friends had a fair catch of flounder despite the rainy weather. Joan LoCasio had the pool fish of 2½ lbs. Second place was Tom Sedito with a 1½ pounder. Sunday's trip was for mackerel for Geoffrey Blitz and friends, who got a fair catch of macks in the morning. Once the wind picked up they went back to the inside and fished for flounder for a good catch rounding off the day's bag. Gary still has a couple of choice Saturday dates open in May.

Lou's Fishing Station reports the flounders are holding up nicely with a 2 lb. 12 oz. fish the largest he weighed in for the weekend. All the party boats and all the private boats that he knows of, caught well. Swift Creek on the ebb and the Coast Guard at slack, were good items as was the Meadowbrook Bridge on slack water. Blacks are starting. Blackfish sharpie Fred Wertz had a solid catch of blackfish

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up to 5 lbs. on green crab at the Meadowbrook Bridge fishing from high slack through the ebb. Mackerel seemed spotty on the weekend, sometimes a bonanza and sometimes picky from Jones Inlet to Gilgo. The **Aloma II** on Saturday and Sunday did a bail job on the afternoon trips. The **Capt Al** and the **Starstream** had solid catches right through the week.

The **Capt Al** tells of good catches of macks all week long with just Saturday being a little tougher. Even then catches were from 25 to 100 fish a man. Fish were being caught all week between Jones Inlet and Fire Island Inlet. Sunday the fish were between the Inlet and Cholera, just 8 miles off the beach. It was super duper for 1½ hours with fish flying and then we got mugged by the private boats, said the skipper. These are still all big boston mackerel and Al expects another week or so of fast action so he says come down now before they are gone.

The **Starstream II** told of a very good mackerel weekend despite the weather forecast. Lots of mackerel were caught all week long no further than 45 minutes from the dock. These are all big macks up to 3 lbs.

The **Capt Lou Fleet** reports that on the **III**, the full day boat, flounder catches were very good during the week but a little slower on the weekend. Harry Stammer scored with 30 on Monday. Paul Wetterow of Garden City had 49 on Tuesday. Bob Sanks had 35 on Wednesday. Herb Schwartz had 40 flounders. On Friday Mike Fayer of Great Neck had 48 flatties. On the **IV**, the half-day boat, they also had excellent flounder fishing during the week. Catches were mainly averaging in the 20s per man and both tides were producing. On Sunday afternoon a 3¼ lb. flounder was caught.

The **Aloma II** called to say that the flounder fishing in the morning has been very good, getting 8 to 20 flounders per man all in the 1½ to 2 lb. class. In the afternoons, fares are getting sacks of macks but it is better in the evening after the boat traffic slows down. No bad night trips yet.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Fishing Station tells of good flounder catches despite the crummy weather at buoys 16, 17 and 19 and also in Swift Creek, fish averaging 1 lb., catches from ½ a five gallon pail up to 2½ pails a boat on worms and mussel chum. Bob Longstreet had a 5¾ lb. fluke fishing in front of **Scotty's** in Reynold's Channel. A couple other fluke were caught on squid in the same area. Ron Conklin on his boat **Nicia** pulled 300 macks Sunday in 75' of water SE of the Inlet.

Ed's Fishing Station tells us that blackfish appeared this weekend at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek Bridges, hitting fiddler crabs with a abandon. On Saturday 3 friends in 1 boat totaled 133 keeper flounders

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Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook says there is still plenty of flounder fishing that's been done all week and weekend long, mostly big fish, from Short Beach through Woodmere Bay in back. A few fluke swimming around in Reynold's Channel. Blackfish on the increase at all the bridges and are very good prospect right now on green crabs, fiddlers, clam and worm. The store will have crabs by the weekend. Some weakfish were caught Friday at Ocean Beach around buoy 13.

Capt Clem of the **Commodore** tells of very good flounder fishing all week in the main channels and in the back. The larger 1 to 2 lb. fish are hitting

best on flood water. Smaller fish are hitting on the ebb. Tides will be mostly incoming this week. Catches are averaging 25 to 30 keepers per good fisherman. Mike Kracinski had 35 and his dad Steve had 25 on Sunday. The boat is fishing just a short ride from the dock and also a very short ride between drops. Worms are working best and Clem expects hot fishing for flounders to continue for the next 3 or 4 weeks.

ATLANTIC BEACH

At **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** tells of flounders at the Atlantic Beach Bridge and at the creeks around Cedarhurst Yacht Club and also across from Long Beach HS. These fish are a little smaller than before. Great blackfishing at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Tony LaRocca of Inwood scored with 20 blackfish from 3/4 to 3 lbs. This is on green crab, fiddlers and clam.

Capt Ronnie Lepper from the charter boat **Kim** tells us that his charters have been having constant super mackerel fishing with his boat working anywhere from Sea Bright to Fire Island Inlet, chasing the big moving schools of mackerel as they move.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports plenty of blackfish at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Gunnar Upelnicks and Manny Zaccane of Gateway Striper Club had 96 blacks to 4 3/4 lbs. fishing the Atlantic Beach Bridge Sunday on green crab. During the week the jetties produced blackfish also. Flounders remain excellent. Michael Mikailian and Rich Mulholand had 62 flounders to 2 lbs. fishing near the Cement Block Sunday. Macks in 60' of water off Atlantic Beach.

EAST ROCKAWAY

Skippy's Bait & Tackle tells of very good flounder fishing in Reynold's Channel off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Everybody seems to be trying for fluke and a few are being taken mainly in Reynold's Channel. Blackfishing has been excellent at the bridges with the Atlantic Beach Bridge best. Use green crab if you can't keep fiddlers. Skip says that this is a super flounder season, the best in years. The Harbor Police had passed on verified catches of weakfish at Ocean Beach on sand worms.

JAMAICA BAY

J Bay Boat Rental tells us that all of their skiffs that went out all week long returned with never fewer than 40 to 50 keeper flounders per boat. Best area has been 200' off NW Point which is between JFK Airport and the Inwood Country Club. These fish have been running 3/4 to 1 1/4 lbs., on blood worms and mussel chum. Several eels have also been caught, and bunkers

fishing in the nearby flats. The trick is to find the holes in these flats. Swift Creek produced for the first time this season on this weekend, with nice size fish. Buoys 17 and 19 in Reynold's Channel saw smaller but quantities of fish caught. The blackfish are running 2 to 3 lbs. and the best time is a slack water.

Capt Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called to say that Saturday's trip for Ben Makwski fished the Golf Course, Swift Creek and LI Sea Clam and experienced excellent flounder catches averaging 15 to 20 per man on worm and mussel. Fish ran from 3/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. Sunday's charter for the Double T Fishing Club saw a slaughter on mackerel in the morning with 2 to 4 fish on at a time. In the afternoon the boat hit a couple of wrecks for blackfish. Steve Kearney age 14, boated a 2 lb. black and a 2 1/2 lb. seabass on clam. Dennis still has the last two Saturdays in May open



are in the bay.

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reports blackfishing has been good off both the North and South Channel Bridges and also the Marine Parkway Bridge has been excellent. Blacks are ranging from 1 to 2 1/4 lbs. on fiddlers and green crabs and it is best at slack water. Flounders remain good also and are plentiful but only going up to 1 1/2 lbs. Bunker are showing.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** reports very good blackfishing at all the jetties, Marine Parkway Bridge, off Coney Island and at Sea Bright. These are good size fish and are hitting green crabs, fiddlers, clam and worm. Flounders at the Marine Parkway Bridge, Silver Hole and off Coney Island. A few whiting at buoys 2 and 4 off the Light Ship.

Capt Kevin of the **Dorothy B** reports a super great sensational flounder week all week long with just Sunday being off. Fish are running from 1 to 2 1/2 lbs. and the boat is fishing off the Cedars and off Belford. This is quantity type fishing with some fares scoring with as many as 50 to 70 keepers a trip.

The Sheepshead Bay Boat Owners Alliance announces the First Annual Blessing of the Fleet which will be held on Sunday, May 24th at 4 p.m. There will be free rides on all of the Sheepshead Bay boats, free balloons and lolly-pops for the kids and free drawings for prizes. Everyone is invited.

Capt Tom Paladino of the **Pilot II**, the area's super blackfish specialist, tells us that Friday's and Saturday's blackfishing was super but Sunday was slow due to the heave. Blackfishing has been excellent off the Jersey Coast with green crabs enticing blacks from 1 to 5 lbs. Saturday's high hook was 40 blackfish and catches are averaging from 15 to 25 fish a man.

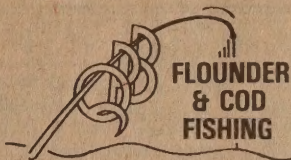
The **Flamingo III** reports mackerel fishing has been sporadic all week, catches ranging from fair to very good. Passengers are getting from anywhere from 1/4 to 3/4 of a sack full of big Bostons. The skipper says that the mackerel fishing will be pursued as long as they remain in striking range.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop tells of good blackfish catches being made off South Beach and the Burger Ave. storm sewers. Also the rocks at New Dorp Beach, the Great Kills Park rock jetty and the Old Home on Arbutus Ave. These fish are averaging 3 to 5 lbs., with average catches being 6 to 12 fish a man on sand worms. Flounders are there too as well as a few strippers. Flounder catches have been steady. Also try piers 8, 12 and 17. Great Kills Harbor has had signs of weakfish. A 4 pounder was taken on Saturday along with a small striped on small Rebels. Some small strippers

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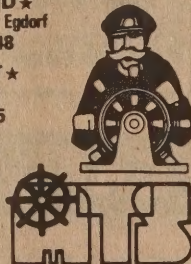
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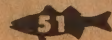
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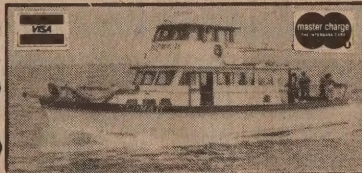
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GREENPORT

Charter boat **Nancy Ann** reports Friday's group had excellent flounders fishing in the Sound. They had 50 jumbos from 2 to 4 lbs. at Gardiner's and then Capt. Richie Jensen zipped back to the Sound to top off the catch with a mess of 1 to 1½ lb. fish. Rich says that he should start weakfishing next week and he still has a few choice May and June weakfishing dates open.

AP White Bait Shop says that the flounders are absolutely super this week, "Out of this World." Both charter and open boat passnegers are catching big keepers to the tune of 40 to 70 fish a man. Both the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** are fishing LI Sound and also Bostick. There were super crowds fishing out of Greenport Sunday. Hottest spots on the north shore have been Orient Point, Truman Beach and Petty's Bight. East Marion has been good also. The fatter fish are in the bay. Weak fish should be starting soon as the Gardiner's Island traps were loaded with big weaks these last several days.

Capt George Porter of the **Brand X** called to report that on Sunday his fares had over 800 flounders, mixed fish up to 3 lbs. George fished Petty's Bight and Truman Beach with Truman Beach for the larger fish. They hit everything. George said that the **Peconic Star** fished the same area and did equally well.

SOUTHOLD

The open boat **Capt Darby** is now sailing out of Arrow Tavern Dock which is just west of Port of Egypt Fishing Station. The boat will be sailing Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. for flounder. See ad for details and phone number. Capt Joe Darby up to this year ran the Capt Darby as a charter boat out of Freeport. For a good days fishing, give Joe a call.

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** says that despite the winds, they had a good number of boats out Sunday. The area around Petty's Bight and the fish traps produced very well out of the Orient Point station. Almira and Ed Wilk scored with 60 keeper flounder up to 2 lbs. 11 oz. fishing Petty's Bight on outgoing water using

mussels and worms. On Saturday, a new motherload of fish was found on the west side of Jessup's. Joe Falcone and group managed 60 good flounder on a dropping tide, as did the Holmes brothers with 95 flounder up to 2 lbs. 4 oz. The weakfish are coming, says Ace.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal at **Capt Marty's Fishing Station** is somewhat annoyed at the constant winds that have been keeping a good many fishermen at home. "The fish are there!" said Sal but we need some decent weather to let people come out and catch them. Sixteen good flounders up to 2½ lbs. were taken at Roses Grove by one skiff on Sunday. Weakfish are there also and once conditions allow boats to fish properly and to fish an entire day, solid catches should be in evidence.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reports that the area off Mattituck in the Sound has been the best flounder area this week with sand worms working best. Flounders are also in the bay at buoys 23 and 24 on worms and mussel chum. Weakfish are yet to be started on hook and line.

MATTITUCK

Capt Jerry McGrath of the **Nostalgia II** called to say that Saturday's weather conditions were bad but the fishing was great. 115 flounders were caught with 10 over 2½ lbs. The trip included Joe Buthis, John Miller, Mark and one additional pal. May 10th will be the boat's last day for the season sailing out of Mattituck. After that date the skipper will be sailing out of Montauk for the balance of the season.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina tells of the first weakfish caught there for the season by Calvert Tanner of Cambria Hts. fishing off the Monastery. This was a 9 pounder and took a squid strip on a bottom hook. Nice size flounders being caught off Jessups and off the Monaster on blood worms and mussel chum.

PECONICS

Spec's Bait & Tackle tells us that on Sunday George and Thom Spec and friend Steve Stellic fished in 60 to 75' of water, drifting and chumming and totaled 175 mackerel in the 1 to 2 lb. range. Lots of mackerel off Jessups also. In Noyac Bay there were several very good flounder catches off the Monastery including a lot of 2 lb. fish on worm, mussel and clam chum. Three 9 lb. weakfish were taken in Shinnecock Canal this past week. Touts, jelly worms and Salty dogs are all working. Best is when the locks are closed. Three Mile Harbor at buoy 11

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saw 3 men in one skiff score with 49 flounders up to 2½ lbs. Several catches in the 60s per man were scored at the Fish Factory off Promised Land with some fish going over 3 lbs.

SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** called to say that the flounders at Orient and Petty's Bight remain excellent. Sizes are mixed up to large. Joel and Mike Stollowitz totaled 75 good keepers between them Saturday. Action was constant all week. Thursday the boat fished Gardiner's Island and had 30 flounders which ran over 2 lbs., then ran to Orient for some quantity fishing. Friday night, May 8th will be the boat's first weakfish trip of the season, sailing at 7 p.m. Combo trips for the Gardiner's Island flounder and Peconic weakfish now go into effect. The boat won't be sailing on Mother's Day. The fish traps are catching lots of big weakfish as are the haul seiners and draggers. Artie says he will have fresh squid on board. Flounders catches have been averaging 15 to 20 a man.

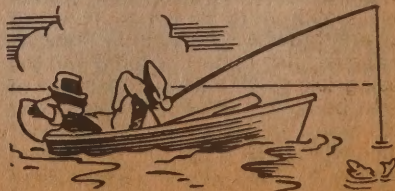
Chris at Bayview Fishing Station reports flounders are being caught by Gibson's, fish running up to 2½ lbs. Cedar Point and buoy 9 are also producing nice fish. Tobacco Lot east of Gardiner's around Eastern Plains has been yielding good catches of flounder. Hook and line weakfish are expected any day if the weather remains warm.

THREE MILE HARBOR

Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station tells us that Bruce Rothstein and Dave Blank of NYC accounted for 48 flounders from ¾ to 2 lbs. inside the harbor plus 15 throwbacks: Mussels and sand worms did the trick with mussel, corn and cat food chum on Sunday.

Joe Hernandez of the Patchogue Fishing Club called to report Sunday's snowshoe tournament that his club held at Three Mile Harbor. First place went to Andy Polcha with a 3 lb. 2 oz. flattie. Second Place was taken by Joel Runkel with a 2 lb. 6 oz. flounder. Joe Hernandez coped third place honors with a 2 lb. 4 oz. specimen. They fished around the high at the Fish Factory, buoys 6 and 7 and Tobacco Lot Bay. Worms worked best. A few blackfish were taken also.

George Murdock on Sunday took weakfish at Ocean Beach in the 8 to 9 lb. range, incoming water on grape jelly worms.



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word from Ralph's Fishing Station is that there are now plenty of mackerel available at buoy 11. Boatmen using jig and tube combos have been loading up. There's still flounder around, with fish running from 1/2 up to 1 1/2 lbs. being taken along the Sound beaches. In addition, a few blackfish have showed and are being taken on worms and clams. Ralph saw his first striper of the season last Wednesday when Tony Catalano checked in an 18" fish which he landed on a small tin from a local beach.

PORT JEFFERSON

John at Carafis Fishing Station reported all the mackerel you want at buoy 11. On Saturday it was not unusual for anglers to take 100 fish apiece, although On Sunday, northeast winds hurt the fishing. Nice flounder at the channel marker outside of the inlet and also along the beach near Flax Pond. Big blackfish now spawning along the beaches and some have already been taken on sand worms and clam bait according to John.

KINGS PARK

OK Bait Shop told us that decent flounder fishing continues in the area. Mike, Sal and Joann Deligante totalled 15 flatties up to 2 1/4 lbs. off Callahan's. Norm Schwartz had 20 flounder and some mackerel fishing by himself in the same area. While Sal Bruno returned from the mansion with a bucket of flounder up to 1 1/2 lbs. All these scores were made on Sunday on worms and mussel chum. Also on Sunday, Art Nobile, Dave Sr. and Jr., and Bob Marchesano journeyed west to Eaton's Neck and returned with 55 big flounder from 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 lbs. which they also took on worms and mussels.

NORTHPORT

Thom at Bowman's Sports Center reported little attention is being paid to flounder in the harbor since nearly all are throwbacks. Out in the Sound, however, fish up to 1 1/2 and 2 lbs. are being taken, with the Crab Meadow area being the most productive. Try 15' of water little more than a quarter mile off the beach, said Thom. A good supply of bass at the power plant again this past week, with catches of

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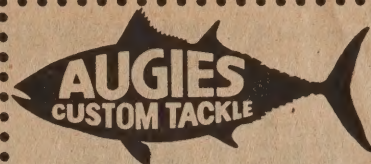
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10 to 15 stripers made by some anglers. Most of the fish are 3 or 4 lbs. Both boatmen and casters have been getting in on the action with small white bucktails doing the most damage. White perch still at the plant also. Blackfish have started in the area and Thom suggested trying Target Rock or the shore along Makamah at high water. Mackerel have arrived although not in great numbers. Some boatmen did well, others poor, but this action should improve rapidly in the days to come.

HUNTINGTON

Capt Packy Collins of the Ever Ready had to travel far for mackerel Saturday but got lots of fish eventually off Port Jeff. The pool winner was Michael Lowndes of H'ntington with a 3 lb. mack. Tied for high hook were Delores Schmidt and Shirley Melito.



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George Valentine of Four Winds Bait and Tackle reported mackerel in the Sound but spread out over a large area. This fishing will improve as the fish begin to concentrate. George knew of good action with bass along the Cold Spring Harbor causeway, although a lot of shorts are mixed in with the school fish. Tri-Fin Eel Worms, Rebels and bucktails have all been effective. Stripers from shorts up to 6 lbs. in good supply at the power plant also. George suggested Tri-Fin Whiptails for these fish. As for the flounder, Eaton's Neck, Ashroken and Callahan's continue to produce good sized flatties on worms

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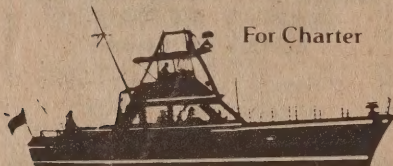
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GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that flounder fishing appears to be at its peak and named Prybil Pier and Davidson's as two of the better spots in the area. Fish are being taken on sand worms and chumming is a definite asset. The blackfishing in the area has gotten under way in grand style with Perry Kemp taking a 10 lb. 12 oz. tautog one day last week. On Friday, Woody Van took 6 blacks up to 6½ lbs. from the landing break-water. On Sunday, John's son, John A. Cacciola, Jr. caught his first blackfish ever. He took the 2 lber. from the groin at Crescent Beach. Bass up to 10 lbs. are being taken in the area by worm trollers and casters using Rebels and jig and sand worm combos. The first weakfish has also been taken. Local regular James Miles checked in a 5¼ lb. weak Saturday morning which he took from a local beach.



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Capt Joe of the **Ebb Tide III** called to say that though the flounder fishing has been good he is now switching to mackerel.

Capt Dom of the **Apache** tells of continued good flounder fishing with blackfish on the increase. A 4 lb. 8 oz. black took the pool Sunday. Fifteen blackfish were pulled in Sunday. Flounder catches have been averaging 15 to 20 keepers a man, working from Lloyd's to Eatons. The City Island boats that are fishing mackerel, are having solid catches. Dom will be blackfishing next, so keep an eye on his ad and reports.

Jack's Bait and Tackle reported that flounder fishing is still holding up. Eastchester Bay has been producing decent catches of 1 lb. flaties on sand worms. Blackfish now being taken at Hart's Island and the CBS Tower on fiddlers and clams. Turtle Cove and Hart's Island producing school bass for casters and boatmen

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Klondike reported he's now mackerel fishing. On Saturday fishing for everyone aboard was good. Those were all nice big fish. On Sunday fishing was on the picky side. Those fares that could cast did much better. That shark trip we reported on last week will take place at the beginning of July, not in June.

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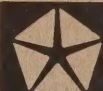
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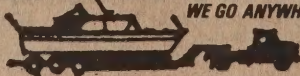
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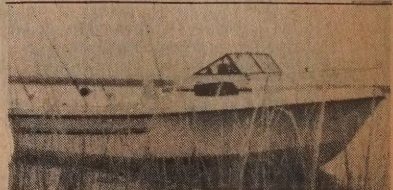
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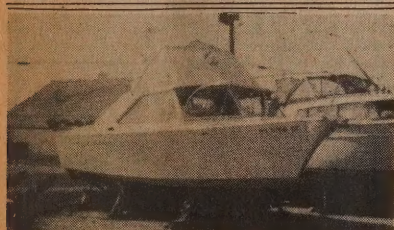
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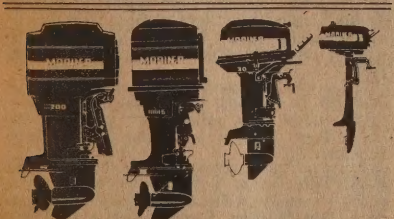
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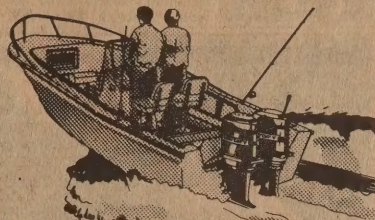
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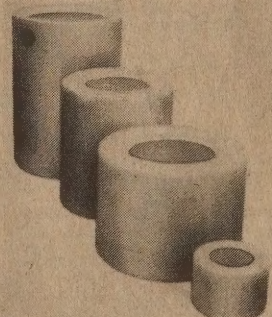
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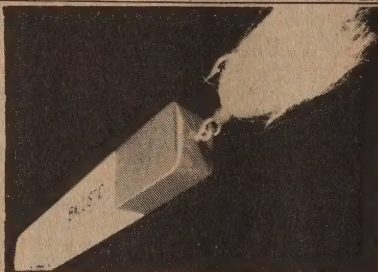
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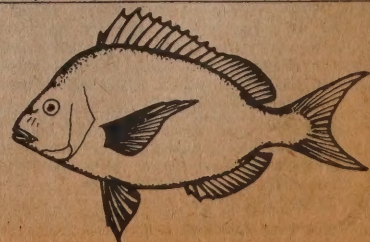
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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet, -0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 1/2 hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	11:20	11:40	—	12:00	—	12:05	12:10	12:50	2:05	2:55	2:05	2:45	11:10	11:35	5/7
FRI.	—	12:20	12:25	1:00	12:25	1:05	1:10	1:55	3:05	4:10	3:00	3:45	—	12:05	5/8
SAT.	12:35	1:20	1:25	2:05	1:25	2:05	2:10	3:00	4:20	5:25	4:00	4:45	12:35	1:05	5/9
SUN.	1:35	2:20	2:30	3:10	2:20	3:00	3:15	4:05	5:50	6:35	5:05	5:50	1:30	2:10	5/10
MON.	2:30	3:20	3:35	4:20	3:20	4:00	4:25	5:10	7:00	7:35	6:10	6:50	2:35	3:10	5/11
TUE.	3:30	4:15	4:40	5:20	4:15	4:55	5:30	6:10	8:00	8:35	7:15	7:50	3:35	4:05	5/12
WED.	4:35	5:15	5:40	6:10	5:15	5:55	6:30	7:05	9:00	9:25	8:15	8:40	4:30	5:00	5/13
THUR.	5:30	6:00	6:30	6:55	6:10	6:40	7:25	7:45	9:50	10:10	9:05	9:30	5:20	5:45	5/14

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Gr. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehoboth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 00

Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Brantford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor	-0 08
Millford Harbor	-0 07
Strafford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	-0 03
Saugatuck River	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Novack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	-0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10

Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
David's Island	-0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spytten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	-0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beaverfall Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Mayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Harbor	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

5/8	5:47	8:06
5/9	5:46	8:07
5/10	5:45	8:08
5/11	5:44	8:09
5/12	5:43	8:10
5/13	5:42	8:11
5/14	5:41	8:12

Moonrise/Moonset

5/8	9:55AM	12:03AM
5/9	10:57AM	12:57AM
5/10	12:00PM	1:43AM
5/11	1:03PM	2:21AM
5/12	2:03PM	2:55AM
5/13	3:03PM	3:25AM
5/14	4:01PM	3:52AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
			
5/4	5/10	5/19	5/26



The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original **KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES**. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1 1/2 to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:45	2:35	9:20	3:05
Fri.	9:50	3:40	10:25	4:10
Sat.	10:50	4:40	11:25	5:10
Sun.	11:50	5:40	—	6:10
Mon.	12:25	6:30	12:40	6:55
Tues.	1:10	7:15	1:25	7:35
Wed.	1:50	7:55	2:05	8:15
Thurs.	2:30	8:35	2:45	8:55

7. WILCOX #17666
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Perko #475

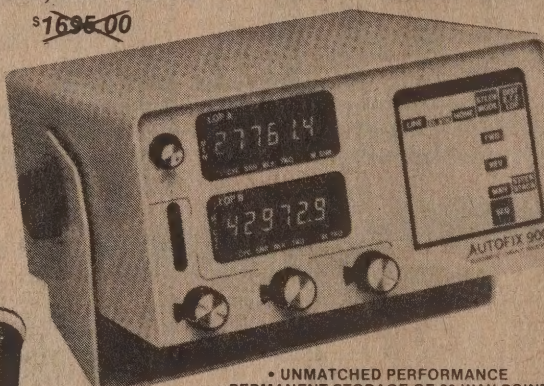
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ROD HOLDERS"
Perko FR 1118

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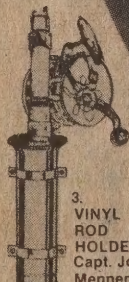
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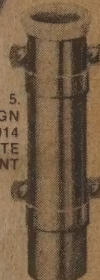
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3. VINYL
ROD
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Capt. Joe
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2. CHROME
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5. DESIGN
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TROLL-RITE
SIDE MOUNT



8. FLUSH FISHING
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